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PEACE ENVOYS TO SEE REDS IN H.K.

Labour Wins Bye-Election

London, February 18.
The Labour Party retained its seat in the bye-election in the Batley and Morley Division, Yorkshire, when Dr. A.D.D. Broughton, the Labour candidate, polled 24,514 votes against the Conservative, Mr. A. M. Ramaden's, 16,228 votes.
The figures at the general election were Captain Beaumont, Labour, 22,082; Major C. W. Hirst, Conservative, 11,090; Mr. A. Mitchell, Liberal, 5,266.
The bye-election was caused by the death of Captain Beaumont, former Deputy Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

APL Vessel Due In Red Port

The ss. President Fillmore, of the American President Lines, will arrive at Taku Bar from Tientsin tomorrow.
It will be the first foreign vessel to call at Taku since the Communist occupation. APL officials said permission had been granted by the Communists for the ship to discharge 1,700 tons of general merchandise cargo.
The President Fillmore, which is out of New York, left Fusan, Korea, yesterday.
Two Chinese ships are now on their way to the Red-held port of Chingwangtao, about 100 miles North East, to exchange flour for coal.
The ss. Greater Shanghai is expected to reach Chingwangtao tonight or tomorrow and the ss. Tangshan on Sunday. Both are carrying 30,000 bags of flour.
Shipping circles said the barter programme calls for exchange of 300,000 bags of flour from the South for 100,000 tons of Kailan coal.
When the programme is completed, Chinese sources said, 20 ships would have been assigned to service between Shanghai and Northern ports.
The source of the four is unknown but an ECA spokesman said it came from ECA.—Associated Press.

Luxury Liner Answers Vessel's SOS

New York, February 18.
The Cunard White Star luxury cruise ship Caronia was today reported to be speeding at 22 knots to the rescue of a 4,440-ton freighter, aground 11 miles West of Punta Galera, Colombia, with its crew ready to abandon ship.
The Panamanian freighter Andalusia sent a distress call that she had smashed into a reef off the coast of Colombia.
The Caronia was 180 miles away from the distressed ship when she reported to the Coast Guard that she was heading for the Andalusia at 22 knots. Coast Guard officials said that so far as is known the Caronia was the nearest rescue ship. At the liner's best speed it will take her more than eight hours to reach the freighter.
The Coast Guard said both the Andalusia and the Caronia had been trying by radio to contact Barratiquilla, Colombia's main harbour, to see if any craft large enough to effect a rescue was available there. The Caronia reported the wireless station in Kingston, Jamaica, was also trying.—United Press.

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Meeting To Determine Need For Further Peace Talks COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Canton, February 18.
Members of the Nanking People's peace delegation now in Canton will go to Hong Kong tomorrow or on Sunday to consult the Chinese Communists in the British colony.

This was stated tonight by the delegation leader, Professor Wu Yu-hao, who said that the main purpose of the visit was to find out whether the Communists in the North require the delegation to re-visit Peiping for further discussions of the peace proposals.

Professor Wu Yu-hao, who will be accompanied by Professor Wu Chih-son and Mr. Wang Sing-hun, said they expected to be in Hong Kong for several days. Later, they would return to Canton. From Canton to Nanking, Professor Wu thought, they would be accompanied by Dr. Sun Fo.

Though the professor did not say so, it is presumed that the delegation has received a radio reply from the North through Hong Kong. Meanwhile, the Tai Kwong Po reports that Mr. Chung Tien-sien, close associate of Dr. Sun Fo, has been in Hong Kong to contact responsible officials of the Communist South China Bureau. Mr. Chung is quoted as having told reporters that although he did not go to Hong Kong to see the Communists on official instructions from the Premier, his visit had Dr. Sun Fo's approval.

Indication

Mr. Chung is reported to have added that the Premier's approval of his going to contact the Communists was an indication that Dr. Sun Fo did not insist on war with the Communists in opposition to President Li Tsung-jen's advocacy of peace.

Chinese reports said today that Mr. Ku Meng-jun, retired Kuomintang statesman now residing in Hong Kong, had declined Acting President Li Tsung-jen's invitation to come back into active political life to help him in making peace with the Communists. President Li, according to the reports, recently despatched Mr. Fan Yu-hsiu, prominent legislator to Hong Kong as his personal envoy to persuade Mr. Ku to re-join the Government.

Far-Reaching

A plan to resume all communications between Communist-occupied North China and Nationalist-held areas in the South, paving the way for a total cease-fire in China's civil war has been presented by the Shanghai non-partisan delegation to the Communist leaders in Peiping, according to a Nanking report.

News of this far-reaching unconfirmed development reached Nanking today by radio-telephone. It is expected to be discussed between the representative of the delegation and Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist Party, when they meet shortly.

The plan was reported to provide for:
1. Guarantees by both sides to protect postal staff, trains, planes and shipping between the two areas;
2. Drafting of principles upon which inter-communications between the two areas would operate;
3. Appointment of representatives to attend a technical conference at a place to be fixed, where experts will arrange details for the restoration of all of China's communications.

Significant

The plan was reported to have been proposed to Dr. W. W. Yen, leader of the Shanghai delegation, by Nationalist postal authorities. Almost simultaneous reports from Taiwan that Mr. Yu Tse-wei, Minister of Communications in the Sun Fo Cabinet, had resigned are regarded by observers as especially significant.
According to Peiping radio-telephone reports, the representative of the non-partisan delegation had yet left for the interior of Communist-held North China to meet Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

Still Trying For Release

Nanking, February 18.

General Li Han-yung, Governor of Hainan Island, left Nanking today by air for Formosa where he said that he would interview the Governor, General Cheng Chen, about the release of the Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

The release of the "Young" Marshal was recently ordered by the Acting President under his political reforms, providing for the release of all political prisoners in Nationalist China.

The "Young" Marshal, however, remains imprisoned in Formosa. His confinement dates back to 1936 after he had played a leading part in the kidnapping of President Chiang Kai-shek at Sian.—Reuter-AAP.

Yesterday, it was reported that the Communist Mayor of Peiping, General Yen Chien-ying, had agreed to a representative—probably Dr. Shao Li-tse—to visit the Communist Chairman, Dr. Shao is not an official member of the non-partisan delegation, but is a leading member of the Nationalist official peace delegation.

If he should represent the non-partisan delegation at the meeting with Mr. Mao, it would greatly enhance China's peace prospects, according to reliable observers here.

Showdown Possible

The possibility of a showdown with the Premier—who is said to have split the Government and weakened President Li's peace policy by evacuating to Canton—when the Legislative Yuan probably resumes here about February 25, is attracting widespread attention.

The President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Tung Kwan-hsien, today returned to Nanking, thus strengthening the possibility of the legislative body meeting in Nanking.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (12 PM HKST) a ridge from a Siberian anti-cyclone covers China and extends Eastwards across the Pacific to Japan. The trough of low pressure from the deep depression of Khabarovsk now off the E coast of Japan and a depression appears to be forming in the NE of Tokyo.
Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds, fair or fine.
Yesterday's Weather—Mainly 60.5 deg. F. Minimum 54.0 deg. F. Sunshine 9.6 hours.
Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—137.2 mm—6.01 ins. as against an average of 61.6 mm—2.40 ins.
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the capital rather than Canton. The sudden decision of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shanai, today to cancel his flight to Canton to see Dr. Sun Fo, appeared to support the view that the Canton group was losing its importance, observers thought.

Secret Visit

The Marshal's decision today was said to have followed a short secret plane journey from Nanking yesterday that is thought to have taken him to interview Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Fenghuang.

Strenuous efforts to avert a split among Nationalist legislators over the vital decision on the next meeting place of the Legislative Yuan are being made in Nanking today.

Whether the Yuan meets in Nanking or Canton will probably determine the future of President Li's peace policy with the Communists and of the Cabinet in Canton.

Should 150 legislators decide in favour of meeting in Canton it would be sufficient for a constitutional quorum for the Yuan meeting and would greatly enhance the majority of legislators in Central China, said to support the President's policy and a resumption of the Yuan meeting in Nanking.

Mr. Tung, President of the Yuan, who arrived today in Nanking, said that he was endeavouring to avert this split among legislators, and announced the next meeting place would depend on consultation with all legislators.

He declined to give his personal view about whether the Yuan should meet in Nanking.—Reuter-AAP and United Press.

Britons Wounded In Burma

Rangoon, February 18.
Two Britons, a Royal Air Force sergeant attached to the British Service Mission, and an employee of the British Embassy here, were slightly wounded during the recent fighting between Karen insurgents and Burmese in the Insein sector, just North of here, it was learned officially today.

The sergeant was hit by a stray bullet during the fighting near the Mingaladon military station, where the British Services Mission has its headquarters.

The other Briton was wounded while evacuating British nationals in Insein.—Reuter.

WELLINGTON ST. ARMED ROBBERY

Shortly after 8 pm. yesterday two men armed with revolvers entered the premises of the Po Ho Watch Store at 153 Wellington Street and stole about 30 watches.

As soon as the robbers left the premises, the shop keeper attempted to pursue them, but he thought it best to remain indoors when the desperadoes opened fire, wounding one by-stander in the wrist.

Up to a late hour last night, no arrest had been announced.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALGERIA

Algiers, February 18.
Violent earthquake shocks were felt during last night in the region of Korrata and Chetoua between Bougie and Djidjelli, Algeria.

Russian Tars Hear Skirl O' The Pipes



Pipe Major William Derholm (right) and Lance Corporal J. Burns of the 1st Battalion Royal Scots, provided the authentic Scottish flavour at the Edinburgh reception to Russian Commodore N. A. Patriashchev and members of the ship's company of the battleship HMS Royal Sovereign, recently returned to Britain after being lent for five years to the Soviet Union.—AP Photo.

Colony May Become Part Of New Dominion

London, February 18.
A new British dominion is in prospect in South East Asia and Hong Kong may be included in it.

UN To Resume Talks On Atomic Control

Lake Success, February 18.

The United Nations resumed its troubled negotiations for world control of atomic energy today with no prospects of a break in the long deadlock between Russia and the West.

The Western powers, making up nine of the 14 members of the UN Atomic Energy Commission, planned to resume detailed work on their majority-approved plan for strict international control despite Russia's complete rejection of it.

As a first step in the resumed negotiations, the United States and other Western countries went to work on a summarized version of the complex world control plan approved last December by the United Nations General Assembly.

The session was to be the first in a series of meetings in which the West, ignoring Russia's refusal to participate in the American-inspired control machinery, plan to elaborate on it and work out the most minute details of staffing the administration of the proposed world control authority and the assignment of uranium nuclear fuel and atomic power-making facilities to various nations of the world.

This does not mean that the West planned to go ahead with international control without Russia. The West still operated on the premise that there can be no international control of the atom until and unless the Russians as well as all other powers of appreciable size join in.

The atomic deadlock, like the stalemate over disarmament, a United Nations army and all other major questions in the United Nations, is not expected to ease until the Russians, Americans, British and French find means of ending their cold war, writing peace treaties for Germany and Japan and shelving the ever growing suspicions which have split the East and West.—United Press.

NEW AUSSIE TRADE COMMISSIONER

Canberra, February 18.
Mr. H. Wrigley, Australian Commercial Counsellor in Japan, has been appointed Trade Commissioner to Hong Kong.
His successor, Mr. R. Hazard, who left Hong Kong last year, is appointed here today. Mr. A. T. Pollard, Commerce Minister, said that the Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong would share the responsibility for commercial matters in a part of South China and the Philippine Islands.—Reuter.

Increase In Red Drive?



London, February 18.
Well informed Far Eastern observers here said today the reported state of emergency in Siam indicated intensification of the Communist drive in South East Asia.

Official British sources said the report was disturbing because the British forces in Malaya are working in close co-operation with the Siamese.

Siam long has been regarded as the key to Communist aggression in South South East Asia. She has common frontiers with Burma, French Indo-China and Malaya. Less than 100 miles separate Siam from China. Except across Indo-Chinese territory which at present is virtually Communist controlled.

Siam's Chinese population is estimated at 2,500,000 and since the end of the war with Japan there have been frequent reports of police raids on Chinese quarters terrorizing out Communist activity.

Reliable reports estimated that at least half of the Chinese in Siam are Communist sympathizers who would be encouraged by the Communist successes in China.

Consul Posted

Recently, the British Government posted a consul at Singora, on the narrow peninsula between the Gulf of Siam and Malaya to watch movements of Chinese over the Malaya-Siam border.

Well informed sources in London long felt a Communist drive in South East Asia was being directed from Bangkok, which is strategically situated to spring a tentacle into the four vital South East Asian countries. It was considered significant that Soviet Russia established its only legation in South East Asia at Bangkok.

The staff of this legation is known to include 40 senior officials and to total nearly 200. Russian nationals in Bangkok, whose interest in Siam, and there to protect, is reliably reported to number no more than 10.

Authoritative British sources said it had been known for some time that large Chinese Communist transit and reinforcement camps had been established in Siam. It is considered likely that Malaya and Siamese Communists mixed freely, exchanging information.

Captured documents also disclosed that Communists crossed into Burma and Indo-China on similar missions.

Well informed sources here today said Siam has long been regarded as an obvious choice of territory for any nation aspiring to expansion in South East Asia. It is simply a matter of history repeating itself because before the last war the Japanese did exactly the same thing.—United Press.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Second Race Meeting

Saturday, 26th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 6.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure, is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box Holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with determination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER
O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS DENIED BY STEWART

A suggestion that he had made serious allegations against Flowers, the very man who is alleged to have helped him out of his predicament by supplying money to straighten out the books of the Club, was denied by the accused in the witness stand during the Dockyard Larceny trial yesterday.

The accused George Robert Stewart, denied that Flowers had been a help in that way.

Stewart, clerk employed by the Admiralty at the Royal Naval Dockyard, is standing trial on four counts of larceny by clerk of servant, two counts of falsification of accounts, and four alternative counts of simple larceny involving about \$18,000.

Mr. R. J. Wigginton, Superintendent of the Dockyard Police, went into the witness box yesterday, to undergo cross-examination by Mr. Chen. He disclosed that it was possible for Stewart after he had been suspended from the Dockyard, to go in through the gate on signing his name in a book.

Asked if he knew there was a meeting to be held when he stopped Stewart at the gate on September 6, witness said he did not know, nor did he know that Stewart was going to a meeting. He, however, had orders from Captain Monk, then the chairman, not to allow Stewart in that day he stated.

Wigginton further revealed that, when he went over to Stewart's house in Kowloon with regard to the letter sent by accused to the Commodore, stating that several persons in the club owed him money, Stewart told him that they were Mr. Jacques, assistant civil secretary of the Club, the No. 1 boy, and Wong the No. 2 boy. One hundred dollars, \$50 and \$20, respectively, was owed by them, he said.

Witness stated he understood at that time that Stewart had lent money from the Club's funds to the said persons.

Wigginton agreed that after reading the letter he got the impression that Stewart was trying to make amends.

F. H. Woodhead, Assistant Superintendent of Police, then gave formal evidence, after which W. E. Jacques was recalled for further cross-examination by Mr. Chen.

Mr. M. Heenan then announced the conclusion of the case for the prosecution.

Opening Address

Mr. Chen then started his opening address to the jury, after which Stewart went into the witness stand to testify on his own defence.

During the course of his evidence, Stewart mentioned that he was born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in 1921, and that he left school at 14 to go to work at a hardware shop.

Continuing, accused stated that he worked there for four or five years, receiving 15 shillings a week. In 1939 he joined the Admiralty as a clerk for 23 17s 6d a week.

Later on, Stewart went on, he went to England on a Government training scheme. He eventually returned to Ireland, and worked there till 1944. In 1945, he took up a job with the Admiralty cashier's office.

Stewart further said he was later transferred to Hong Kong by the Admiralty as a clerk in the civil secretary's office. He arrived in Hong Kong in March 1946.

Three weeks after he arrived, he continued, there was an unfortunate car accident in which the cashier, the assistant cashier and the clerical officer of the Admiralty were involved. The clerical officer, who had travelled to the Colony with him, died the following morning. The other two were detained in the hospital with serious injuries.

At the same time, he continued, the chief civil secretary of the Dockyard was in hospital with measles.

Stewart went on to say that the result of this was that Jacques and he were the only European staff of the office.

Serious Allegations

Mr. Heenan put to accused that in his evidence in chief he had made serious allegations against Flowers, the very man who helped him out of his predicament in 1947, to which Stewart replied in the negative.

Stewart further denied that it was mainly on the information of a bar-boy at the Club that he attacked Flowers—that Flowers had been altering his accounts.

In reply to a question, accused said the court that the only thing Smith took over from Flowers was the bar was the bar stock which was checked by him and Mr. Jacques.

Asked why, if he was so satisfied with the activities of Flowers, accused did not report it, Stewart replied that he did in fact bring up the matter to the notice of the Club in December 1947.

Stewart was at length cross-examined on the question of the procedure of putting down accounts and the relationship between the bar accounts and the treasurer's cash book.

The trial will continue at 10 a.m. on Monday.

24 Charged With Larceny Of Diesel Oil

Twenty-four men, were charged at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of 500 gallons diesel oil from the launch Cormorant, the oil being the property of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

The case was remanded on a week upon application by Detective Sub-Inspector Scraggs, the officer prosecuting.

Principal defendants in the case are Cheung Ying, coxswain, aged 30, and Liu Kin-sing, unemployed, aged 25.

Mr. H. G. O'Sullivan, Magistrate, said that the case was a very serious one, as the oil was a valuable commodity and the launch was a valuable property.



Far East Fleet C-in-C Arrives For Short Visit

Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, the new Commander-in-Chief of the British Far East Fleet, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning in HMS Albatross.

He landed at Queen's Pier at 11 a.m. where he was received by Commodore C. L. Robertson.

After inspecting the guard of honour drawn from HMS Tamar, Dampier, and Alacrity, Admiral Brind was driven to Government House to make his official call on the Governor.

The Royal Marine Band was in attendance.

In the afternoon the Governor returned the call on HMS London, to which the Commander-in-Chief's flag was transferred.

Major General F. R. G. Matthews, the General Officer Commanding Hong Kong, and Air Commodore A. D. Davis, the Air Officer Commanding, also paid official calls on the Commander-in-Chief.

Admiral Brind will leave for Shanghai on Friday next in HMS London.

Seven Years For Armed Robber

Remarking that it was a serious offence which called for a heavy sentence, Mr. Justice Williams (Pulse Judge), yesterday sentenced Man, Han alias Man Tang to seven years hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Man Han, who was arraigned at the opening of the Criminal Sessions yesterday, had pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Dowman represented the Crown.

Mr. Hooton said that the robbery was committed by three men two of whom were armed with pistols. After gaining admission to the 1st floor of No. 24 Boundary Street, they had herded the occupants into a cubicle.

Accused had stood guard over the cubicle while the other two men ransacked the premises.

The gang escaped with jewellery and about \$420 in cash.

Accused was arrested the next day on board a bus, after being identified by complainant.

The two pistols which had been used by the robbers, were left behind on the premises when they escaped. One was found to be in working order.

MEETING AT ST. ANDREWS

A meeting for nomination to Church Council was held at St. Andrews, Kowloon yesterday.

The Rev. John M. Ogilvie, O.M.E., was chairman. Rev. Secretary, Mr. G. S. P. Hayward, M.P., presided at the meeting.

Admiral Brind Inspects Guard

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Merry Chase After A Bicycle

A young man hired a bicycle from a shop at 303, Tai Nam Street, on Tuesday and rode off. When the master of the shop found that there was no sign of the return of either man or bicycle, he reported to the Shamshupo police the next morning.

Just as he had left the station after making the report, the young man, questioned, the youth said that he left the bicycle at the junction of Boundary Street and Wing Chik Street the previous day while he went to visit the laundry and when he came out, the bicycle was gone.

Questioned further at the station, he said that he left it at a friend's house, who had a detective to the Wing Sang Dairy Farm at Nathan Road and was there told that his brother had gone off with it.

There was nothing for the detective to do but to wait for the brother's return. On the suggestion of the young man, the detective went back to the station, the young man promising to locate his brother that afternoon.

He kept his word and took the detective to 138 Sai Yeung Choi Street, first floor. The brother was there, but not the bicycle, which, the brother said, was at a hut at Gramplan Road in Kowloon City.

The bicycle had apparently been dismantled, for the brother produced a headlamp and a dynamo, which were attached to it at the time of hire.

Finally at Gramplan Road, the bicycle was found at the station, where the two brothers were charged with larceny and receiving respectively.

At Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday, the younger of the two brothers, Liu Shok-yan, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny. The elder, Liu denied that he had anything to do with it. He just borrowed it from his brother for a ride, he said.

He was told to take the bicycle to his aunt's place at Gramplan Road and he did. Why the bicycle was stripped of the headlamp and dynamo and the name of the shop on it painted over, he did not explain.

Both were fined \$250 or six weeks in default.

Work Of Tenancy Tribunal

Since the appointment of Mr. W. H. Latimer, on January 18, as its permanent President, the Kowloon Tenancy Tribunal has heard, and disposed of, approximately, 20 applications, one of which occupied three days, filed in 1948 and 1947.

Expressing full confidence that, within the next month or so, the terrific back-log of applications would be cleared off and the Tribunal set to work on new applications within a reasonable time, Mr. Latimer told the China Mail yesterday, that the present difficulty is to contact the parties to applications filed in 1946 and 1947.

Another difficulty, said the President, is the same as that experienced by the magistrates—namely, to get opposing solicitors to fix dates that are mutually convenient.

A scheme is being mooted to get the hearing of old applications expedited, and when it gets working, the existing back-log will be a thing of the past. From then on, said the President, applications will be heard within a comparatively short time.

Since his appointment, Mr. Latimer has sat in magistrate's robes, on three occasions, including the hearing of committal proceedings against a Lantau Island farmer on the charge of murder.

The award of the King's Police and Fire Services Medal (for Gallantry) to Acting Deputy Chief Officer Harold Tiplady and Station Officer Wong Wai-toi, of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, was published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

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24 Charged With Larceny Of Diesel Oil

Twenty-four men, were charged at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of 500 gallons diesel oil from the launch Cormorant, the oil being the property of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

The case was remanded on a week upon application by Detective Sub-Inspector Scraggs, the officer prosecuting.

Principal defendants in the case are Cheung Ying, coxswain, aged 30, and Liu Kin-sing, unemployed, aged 25.

Mr. H. G. O'Sullivan, Magistrate, said that the case was a very serious one, as the oil was a valuable commodity and the launch was a valuable property.

MEETING AT ST. ANDREWS

A meeting for nomination to Church Council was held at St. Andrews, Kowloon yesterday.

The Rev. John M. Ogilvie, O.M.E., was chairman. Rev. Secretary, Mr. G. S. P. Hayward, M.P., presided at the meeting.

The newly elected representatives of the Board of Trustees and the Diocesan Conference in the Diocese of Hong Kong, were: Mr. H. G. O'Sullivan, Magistrate, said that the case was a very serious one, as the oil was a valuable commodity and the launch was a valuable property.

Salesman From Annam Pleads Guilty

A respectable young salesman from Annam, French Indo-China, pleaded guilty to being in possession of a forged vaccination certificate on board the Wing Sang on February 10.

The defendant, Lam Kiang-sang, said that he was in a hurry to get to Formosa to be with his sick father, and had bought the certificate for \$15 in order to be able to get an early passage. He did not know that it was a serious offence.

Detective Sub-Inspector Scraggs, prosecuting, said that the defendant's plea was genuine and that he had no previous conviction. To his knowledge, the defendant was of respectable character.

The magistrate, Mr. A. M. S. Bickley, advised defendant that, although he was a victim of a very grave nature, although the circumstances leading to the present case were not serious, he was fined \$100 or one month's simple imprisonment.

JUDGMENT AWARDED

Judgment in the sum of \$484.10 and costs was awarded by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) in the Supreme Court yesterday, in favour of The Dairy Farm, Inc. and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., against B. M. Botelho of Nederlandse Indische Handelsbank N.V.

The claim of \$484.10 represented the amount due and owing by Botelho to The Dairy Farm for goods sold and delivered.

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NOTICE

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

Tender for Laundry Services

It is hereby notified that tenders for laundry services for all hospitals and institution under this department in Hong Kong are invited.

Full particulars and procedure for tendering were published in the Government Gazette of the 11th February, 1949, Notification No. 153 or can be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

I. NEWTON,
Director of Medical Services.
February 17, 1949.

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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that tenders for provision of hospital diets for all hospitals and institutions under this department are invited.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday the 17th day of March, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

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BREAKING UP "SEISHU MARU."

The closing date for receipt of tenders for the breaking up of "Seishu Maru" has been extended and tenders will now be received by Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, not later than Noon, Monday, February 28, 1949.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" on Monday, 21st February at 8.00 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. The meeting is open to all and new members are especially invited to attend and read.

HK Imports, Exports Down

Imports of merchandise into the Colony during January amounted in declared value to HK\$159,335,982 as compared with HK\$139,765,107 in the corresponding month of 1948.

January's imports were HK\$98,912,704 less in value than December's imports, which were HK\$258,249,746. Exports during January amounted to HK\$171,811,389 as compared with HK\$113,316,302 in January last year.

Compared with December, last month's exports were HK\$12,901,814 less in value, December's value was HK\$184,713,203. The figures include government-sponsored cargo.

Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) yesterday in the action for specific performance of an agreement for the sale of No. 48 Kennedy Road, alleged to have been entered into during the Japanese occupation.

The plaintiff is Liu Lan-fong alias Liu Ah-lan, executrix of the will of Koo Shun-ling alias Wan Sing. She is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Haslings and Company.

The defendant in the case is Hangkam Kwongtung Woo, solicitor and partner of the law firm of Woo and Woo. He is representing and is instructing, the Hon. Leo D'Almada e. Castro, K.C., and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi.

Yesterday's hearing was spent in closing legal addresses on the part of the counsels.

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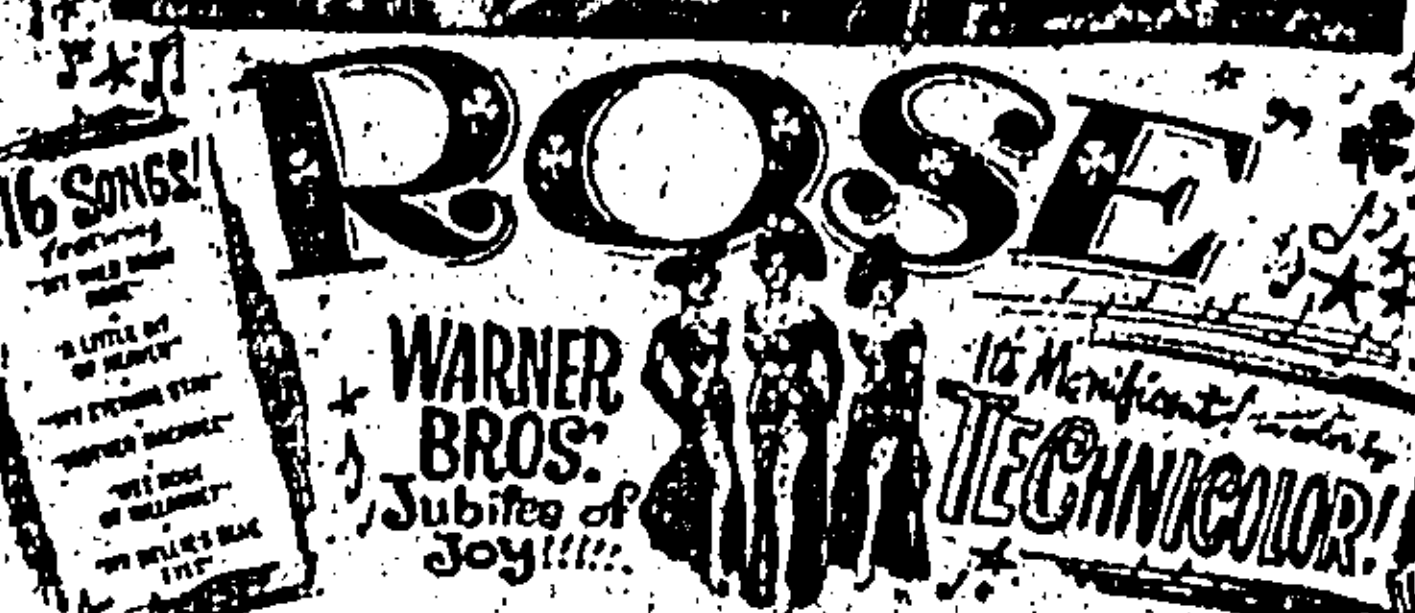
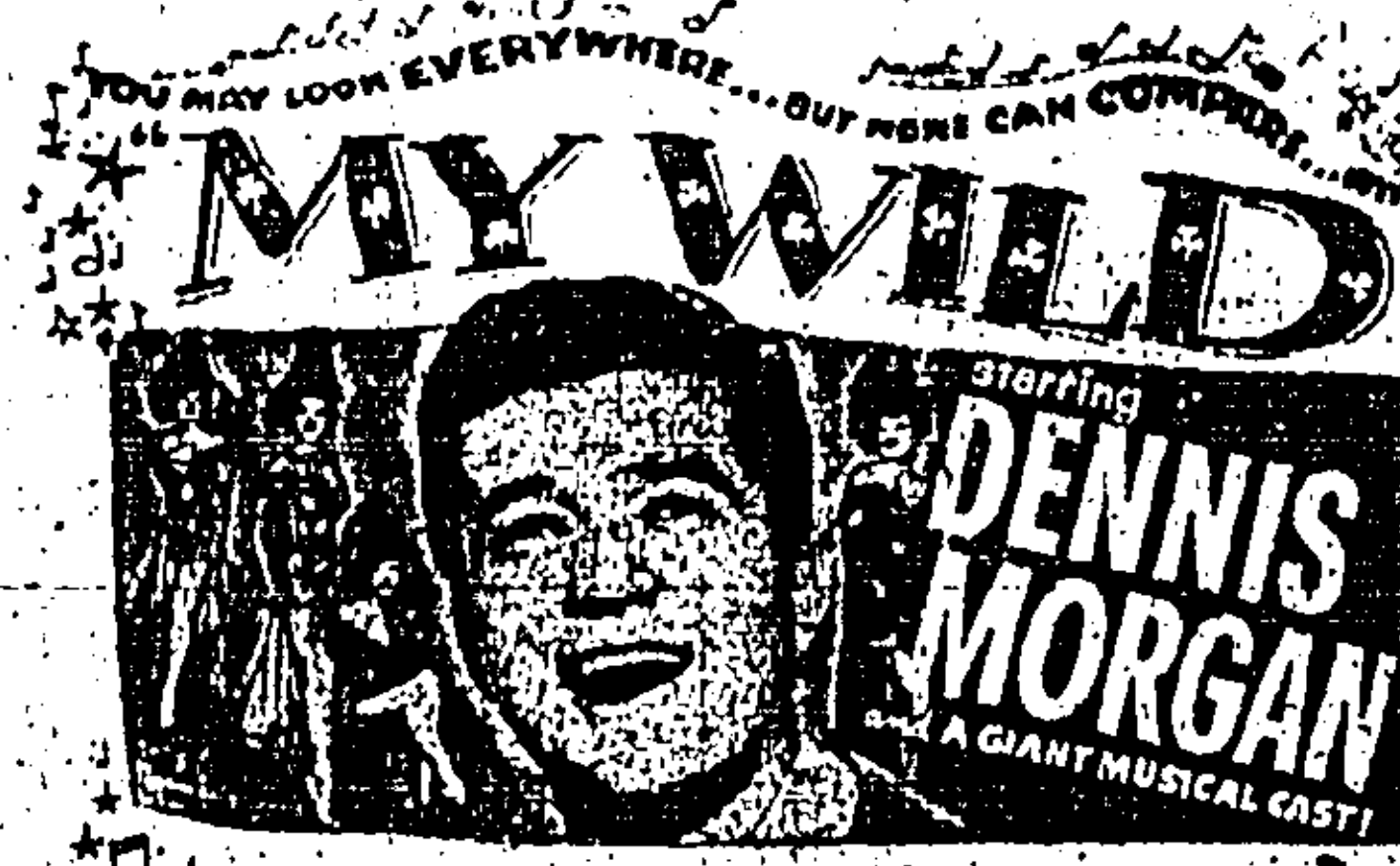
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Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. John Philip Ascarappa's appointment as a Cadet Officer, Class 11, has been approved by the Secretary of States for the Colonies with effect from February 3.

Mr. Jim Johnston has been appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on probation, with effect from August 25 last.

Mr. Duncan George Macpherson has been appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on probation, with effect from February 19.

Mr. Andrew Nicol, Chartered Civil Engineer, resumed duty as Deputy Director of Public Works, on February 14.

Mr. Arthur Evelyn Lissaman, Chartered Surveyor, ceased to act as Deputy Director of Public Works, on February 14.

Mr. George Stanley Graver, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, ceased to act as Assistant Director of Public Works on February 14.

Commander Thomas Nevill Masterman, Messrs. David Fortune, Candale, Eric Guard Price, Thomas Burlington Wilson and U Sz-wing have been appointed to be members of the Port Committee for a further period of one year with effect from February 17.

Authority governing the movement and sale of vegetables, invested in the Director of Supplies, Trade and Industry, have been delegated to Mr. Robert Hart, Officer-in-charge of the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market at Reclamation Street, Kowloon. Mr. Clifton Thomas Large, Deputy Officer-in-charge, has been authorised to act in the same capacity in the absence of Mr. Hart.

The names of Drs. Kho Pek-po and Harry Willis have been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners. They are entitled to practice medicine and surgery in Hong Kong.

Satisfactory evidence of Dr. Frank Richard Aston's appointment as Senior Missionary in Hong Kong of the London Missionary Society in the place of the Reverend Mr. Frank Short has been received by the Governor.

Unless the Commercial Airlines Limited show cause to the contrary within three months, its name will be struck off the Register of Companies, it was notified in the Government Gazette yesterday.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED
The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 17, has been further delayed and is now expected to arrive on Saturday, February 19, 1949.

The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, will now close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 1949. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

Outward Mails
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow (Kowloon, GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Shanghai, 1 p.m.
Hankow, 1 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Madagacar, Aden, Egypt and Europe via London, (Par. Reg. and Ord.) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow (Kowloon, GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., 10/2, (Ord.) 9.30 a.m. 10/2, (Ord.) 9.30 a.m. 10/2.
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SEVERAL WAYS TO DO IT

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South's explanation of that way of playing the suit emphasised the fact that West had made a bid and, therefore, was more likely to hold the A than East, who, however, could well hold the J. Furthermore, he said, the A might be a singleton, since West had shown length in spades with his bid.

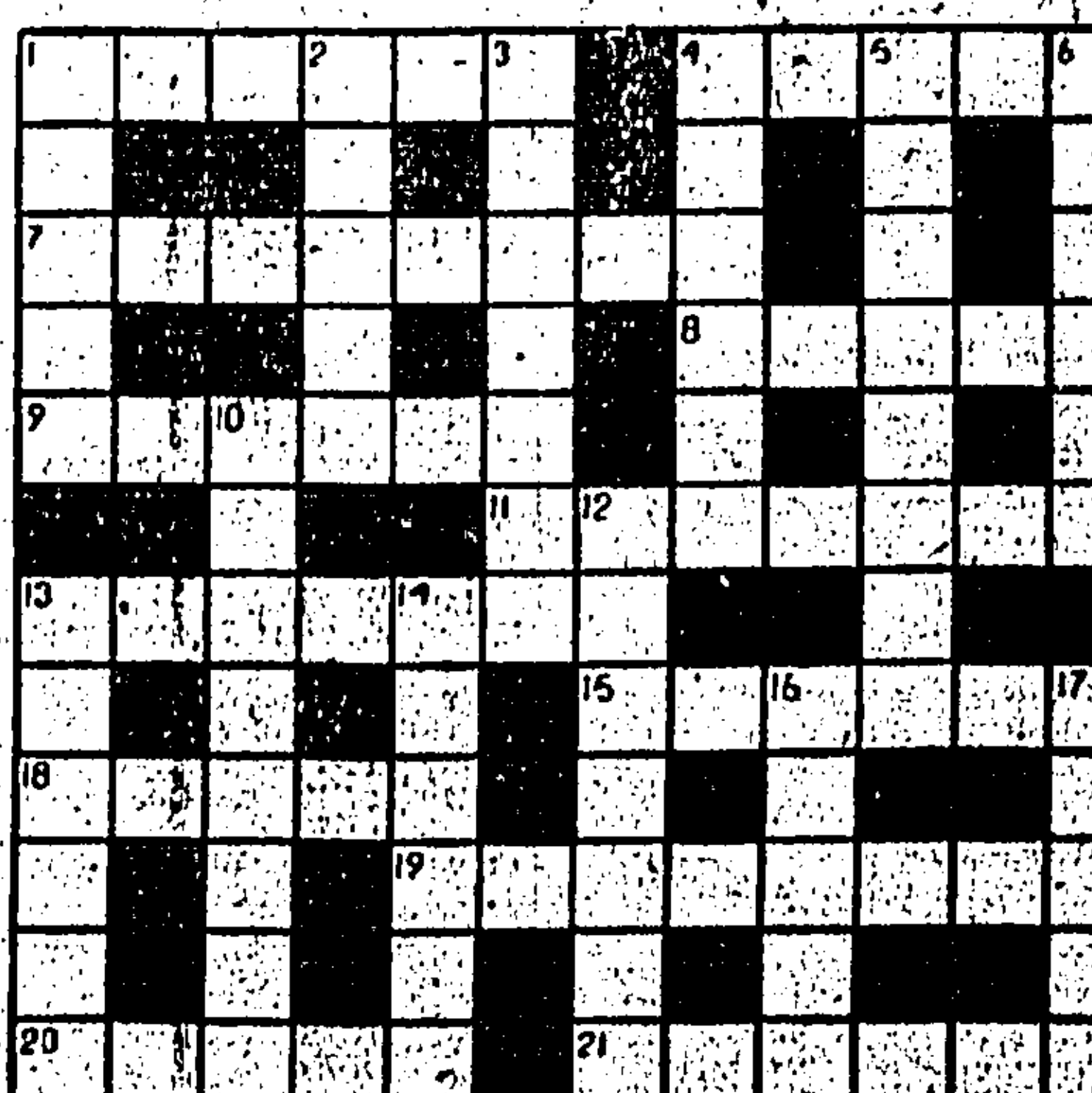
He did not stop to consider that West had disclosed enough high card strength for his bid with the two spade tops and the possible holding of the club K. Nor did he realise that with spade length shown as only four, West might well have two of the heart suit, so that there was a good chance East had the same. If he decided to count West for the A, his right play was to enter his own hand and lead a small spade, if the A was not used, come in with the Q; if it was played, game would be sure.

Tomorrow's Problem
S None
H 10 9 4 2
D K Q 10
C K Q 10 9 7 4
S A 10 9
H 8 7 6
D 6 4 3
C 5
S None
H J 7 5
D A J 7
C J 8 3 2
S K Q J 8 7 2
H K 8 6 5
D 9
C A 6
(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable)

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable)
North East South West
1 D Pass 1 H 1 S
2 H Pass 3 H Pass
4 H
Making that contract involves just one problem—how to play the trump suit. West peeled off two spade tricks and put South in the dummy with the spade 10 to the Q. Now the sole job to be done by South was limit his loss in hearts to a single trick. If he happened to lose two, he would be down.

There were plenty of different ways for South to operate on the suit, and of them all he selected what was probably the best way to lose two tricks. He led the heart 2 from the dummy, and

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1 Toy
4 Fur
7 Reprimand
8 Boredom
9 Military dis-
11 Assembly
13 Shine
15 Wealth
16 Symbol
18 Wisdom
20 Regal
21 Steady
Down
1 Feature
2 Face
3 Summary
4 Orb
5 Wave
6 Finish
10 Artifice
12 Anger
13 Clean
14 Showy stuff
16 Beverage
17 Fashion
ACROSS—1 Ebbs, 4 Caution, 8 Pear, 9 Chpr, 10 Visitor, 11 Iris, 12 Dawn, 14 Leisure, 17 Adage, 19 Magic, 22 Treacle, 23 Moon, 27 Sage, 28 Effaces, 29 Yous, 30 Rand, 31 Bohels, 32 Sids.
DOWN—2 Bencad, 3 Gtring, 4 Cavil, 5 Arises, 6 Trips, 7 Odour, 12 Damp, 13 Wals, 15 Urge, 16 Elich, 18 Assent, 20 Amends, 21 Issued, 23 Ride, 24 Crave, 25 Eases.

MIXED MARRIAGES WAY TO BROTHERHOOD

CHANGE IN AMERICAN STRATEGY

Washington, February 17. Emphasising the shift in strategic importance, Rear-Admiral Charles Momsen today said two-thirds of the 731-ship active fleet is at present concentrated in the Atlantic. Hitherto, most of the fleet has been in the Pacific.

Admiral Momsen, chief of the Submarine and Anti-Submarine Division, stressed that of particular concern today is the threat of submarines.

Admiral Momsen reviewed the Navy's recently-announced cuts to be made in the personnel of ships and naval air bases, especially in the Pacific.

He also spoke of the increase in anti-submarine forces and reduction in the number of cruisers and heavy carriers. The New York World Telegram writer, Jim Lucas, says that the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff insist that the change in strategy is dictated by the budget. He added that in future budget cuts will be made in the Far East whenever possible instead of in Europe, as long as the United States is operating under a budget, there is no choice, according to high-ranking officers.—United Press.

PI WAR GAMES

Manila, February 18. Field exercises, climaxing the training of 3,000 student officers and trainees of the Philippine Army, will start today in the Pampanga-Tarlac area in Central Luzon. Live ammunition of all types will be used during the sham battles.

Members of the National Defence Committee of Congress, top-ranking Army officers and newsmen will observe the manoeuvres in Tarlac on Sunday.—United Press.

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London, February 17. Britain's State-sponsored National Marriage Guidance Council forecast today that the future will bring widespread, and ultimately universal, intermarriage between peoples of all colours.

"Miscegenation, far from being a crime, will help to usher in the true brotherhood of man," the Council declared in its monthly bulletin.

The Council was criticising the sentence of five years' imprisonment imposed by a Missouri (United States) court on an ex-serviceman who, with a percentage of Negro blood in his ancestry, had married a white woman.

"The human race," the bulletin said, "is of one blood. That is not simply an idealistic concept. It is a biological reality. Men and women of all colours and races are able to join in producing offspring. They belong to the same species.

"In these days, as we move reluctantly but relentlessly towards internationalism, this fact is being forced upon us. The old barriers of time and space are being swept away, and frontiers are melting to people the earth with an increasingly cosmopolitan community.

"The fact assumptions that the West is necessarily more cultured than the East, that the white man is inherently superior to the black or brown or yellow, may be dying hard, but nevertheless their days are numbered."

The Hazards

The Council warned that the changing attitude towards mixed marriages should be allowed to follow its natural course and should not be forced.

At present it involves three specific hazards:

1.—The psychological differences of racial attitude have to be contended with in a relationship so close as that of husband and wife.

2.—The fact that there is no social milieu where both partners are equally at home imposes special tensions upon the home.

3.—The likelihood that the children will suffer from some degree of social ostracism.

Mountain Of Prejudice

The Council advised: "Until these strains have been eased, it might be as well that mixed marriages should take place only between those with great resources of character and a strong and clear sense of vocation."

"There are such men and women, and they are unobtrusively beating out a pioneer path, but there are mountains of prejudice still to remove, and only the undeniable witness of indisputably successful interracial marriages will remove them."

The National Marriage Guidance Council, formed in 1947, has branches all over Britain which give advice to married couples and try to save tottering

Merle Oberon To Wed Again?

Venice, February 17. Canals and cafes of Venice buzzed with speculation today over a possible wedding between the film actress, Merle Oberon, and Venice's playboy, Count Giorgio Cini.

The doors of the staid Cini Palazzo in Venice are barred to newsmen. House-hold servants refuse to confirm reports that the couple are at home preparing for their wedding.—United Press.

Wants MacArthur Back In U.S.

Washington, February 18.

A Republican Senator, William Knowland, said today that General MacArthur should be called back from Japan before Congress acts upon funds for European armament aid.

Mr. Knowland in a Senate speech pointed to Communist advances in China and said he fears that policies similar to those the U.S. has followed in China may develop for Japan in the face of Soviet aggression.

The California Senator recalled that General MacArthur declined a similar invitation to return here for testimony before Congress a year ago.

Mr. Knowland said that was because MacArthur had important duties in the Pacific and had been mentioned as a Republican Presidential possibility. No such conditions now exist, Mr. Knowland said, and it would be entirely fitting and proper for the General to return now and give Congress his knowledge of conditions in the Pacific.

Mr. Knowland first proposed General MacArthur's return in a letter to chairman Millard Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Reports from Tokyo, he said, in the Senate speech, indicated there may have been a basic change in American policy.

"If I have this in mind," Mr. Knowland said, adding that any plan for withdrawal from Japan would dash hopes for establishing a democratic government or making Japan self supporting.

While Congress is voting billions to keep European nations from going behind the iron curtain, Mr. Knowland said, it allows 450,000,000 friendly Chinese to be taken behind the iron curtain.—Associated Press.

SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON COPPER

Washington, February 18. The House of Representatives today approved unanimously a bill suspending for two more years the import duty on copper. The action is intended to encourage imports of the metal.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE AGREEMENT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN

Rhodes, February 17.

Technical difficulties may delay for a few days the signing of the now virtually completed Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement.

The present hitches include bringing Dr. Shabtai Rosen, the Israeli legal adviser, from Tel Aviv. He should arrive by Friday, possibly by plane, to get the agreement concluded and signed during the week-end.

Another hitch is the necessity for the Egyptians to refer the completed draft to Cairo for approval before signing. This will probably delay the signature for another 24 hours.

The Transjordan-Israeli talks will open in the middle of next week if the Egyptian agreement is concluded in the next few days.

An agreement between Israel and the Lebanon, has been virtually drafted and will probably be completed once the Egyptian armistice agreement is signed.

Dr. Ralph Bunche feels that the opening of discussions with Transjordan may prompt moves for similar conferences with the remaining Arab League countries.

Two main difficulties envisaged in the prospective Israeli-Transjordan talks are the problem of the Tulkarm-Jenin-Nablus "Arab triangle" in Central Palestine, mainly held by Iraqis, and the possible political character of the conversations.

It is not yet known whether Transjordan will have powers to discuss the complete triangle for which she is responsible to the United Nations.

Suspensions Removed

Possibilities mentioned by Conference circles are that the Transjordan delegation may include Iraqi officers, or that King Abdullah of Transjordan and Regent Abdul-Ilia of Iraq will reach some private agreement outside the conference.

Dr. Bunche worked until the early hours of today with his senior advisers, hammering out the latest draft agreements.

Informal sources said the draft meets with the Egyptians' complete approval, except for certain minor details.

A high source of the Israeli delegation told Reuter today that though the acting mediator has put in a great deal of work, the Israeli representatives feel one of the main accomplishments of the conference has been a series of back-stage meetings not attended by United Nations officials. These helped to remove mutual suspicion which had slowed up the talks in the early stages.—Reuter.

EL AUJA TO BE NEUTRAL

Rhodes, February 18.

Jews and Egyptians agreed yesterday in principle to demilitarise El Auja under neutral supervision.

The precise form of the supervision has not yet been determined. It may be under full United Nations authority or a mixed commission may be selected.

The North-South highway crossroads immediately North of the Egyptian border have been a stumbling block in the talks here since January 17.

With the El Auja problem settled, the conference will tackle the Beersheba issue next.

This important highways communication centre, just South of Jerusalem, is claimed by the Jews who are unwilling to consider a neutrality formula.

They also claim it is a part of future negotiations with Transjordan.

The Egyptian-Jewish talks are expected to end within a few days when the first contingent of Transjordanians arrive next week.—Associated Press.

PROTESTANTS ON TRIAL

Sofia, February 18.

Fifteen Protestant ministers and officials charged with treason, espionage and black market money dealings will go on trial on February 25. They will be tried in a Sofia District Court.

The 15 are of the United Evangelical Church.—Associated Press.

SALES OF GOLD

Washington, February 17. The International Monetary Fund has asked the South African Government to delay if possible its announced sale of premium price gold in London.

Fund officials are disturbed at the possible repercussions of the sale, such as a drop in the Mexican peso attributed to heavy buying of gold coins.—Reuter.

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The Bear Joins The Jackal

By Winston Churchill

THE rush for the spoils had begun. But Mussolini was not the only hungry animal seeking prey. To join the Jackal came the Bear. I have recorded in the previous volume the course of Anglo-Soviet relations up till the outbreak of war, and the hostility, verging upon an actual breach with Britain, which arose during the Russian invasion of Finland. Germany and Russia now worked together as closely as their deep divergences of interest permitted. Hitler and Stalin had much in common as totalitarians, and their systems of government were akin.

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BIRTH

KOTWALL—At the Tai Wo Hospital, on February 13, 1944, to Constance, wife of Lawrence Cyril Kotwall, a daughter, Phyllis Madeleine. Both well.

MARRIAGE

SMIRKE-REMEDIOS—The wedding of Leslie Ernest Smirke and Millicent Antonette Remedios, which was to have taken place on Saturday, February 19th, will now take place on February 20th at St. Joseph's Church at 4 p.m. A reception will be held after the ceremony at the Conduit Road. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

forces, taking the Soviet Government by complete surprise, fall upon Russia in catapacts of fire and steel. We now know that only four months later in 1940 Hitler decided upon a war of extermination against the Soviets, and began the long, vast, stealthy movement of those much-congratulated German armies to the East. No recollection of their misadventure and former conduct ever entered the Soviet Government and its Communist agents and associates all over the world from screaming for a Second Front, in which Britain, whom they had conspired to ruin and enslave, was to play a leading part.

by mutual suspicions, and last August the Soviet Government decided that the interests of the Soviet Union required that they should break off negotiations with us and enter into a close relation with Germany. Thus Germany became our friend almost at the same moment as she became our enemy. But since then a new factor has arisen which I venture to think makes it desirable that both our countries should re-establish our previous contact, so that if necessary we may be able to consult together as regards those affairs in Europe which must necessarily interest us both. At the present moment the pro-

the interests of the Soviet Union, and if so how best these interests can be safeguarded. But I have felt that the crisis through which Europe, and indeed the world, is passing is so grave as to warrant my laying before you frankly the position as it presents itself to the British Government. This, I hope, will ensure that in any discussion that the Soviet Government may have with Sir S. Cripps, there should be no misunderstanding as to the policy of His Majesty's Government or of their readiness to discuss fully with the Soviet Government any of the vast problems created by Germany's present attempt to create in Europe a mechanical process by successive stages of conquest and absorption. There was, of course, no answer. I did not expect one. Sir Stafford Cripps reached Moscow safely, and even had an interview of a formal and rigid character with M. Stalin.

Collect Spoils

Meanwhile the Soviet Government was busy collecting its spoils. On June 14, the day after the fall of Paris, Moscow had sent an ultimatum to Lithuania accusing her and the other Baltic States of military conspiracy against the U.S.S.R., and demanding radical changes of government and military concessions. On June 16 the Red Army troops invaded Latvia, and the President, Brucis, fled into East Prussia. On the same day Latvia and Estonia were exposed to the same treatment.

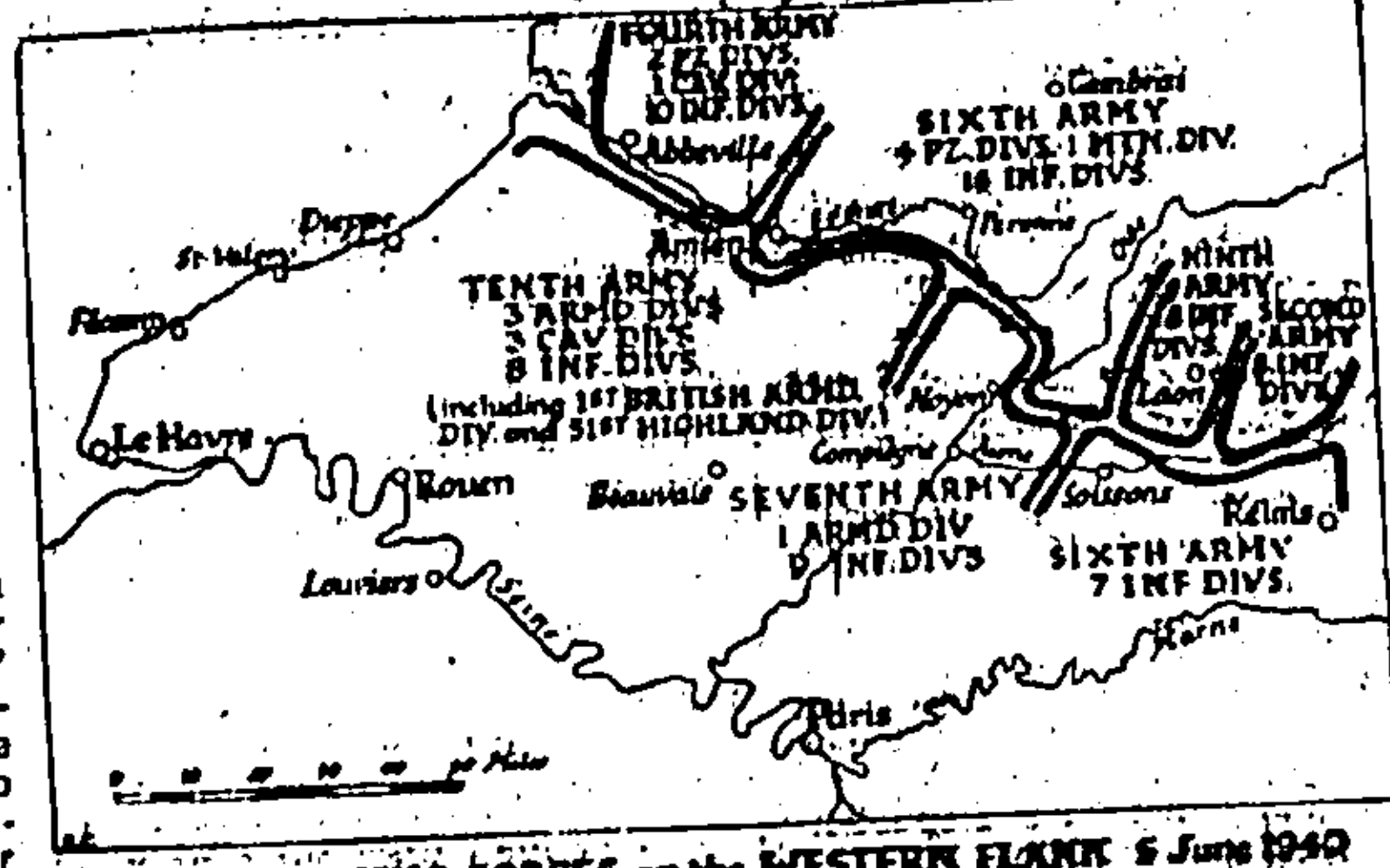
Pro-Soviet Governments must be set up forthwith and Soviet armies admitted into these small countries. Resistance was out of the question. The President of Latvia was deported to Russia, and M. Vyshinsky arrived on June 21 to nominate a Provisional Government to manage new elections. In Estonia the pattern was identical. On June 10 Zhukov arrived in Tallinn to install a similar regime. On August 14 the presence of German troops and German aircraft was swept away, and the Kremlin annexed the Baltic States to the Soviet Union.

Firmly Planted

The Russian ultimatum to Rumania was delivered to the Rumanian Minister in Moscow at 10 p.m. on June 26. The cessation of Besarabia and the Northern part of the province of Bessarabia was demanded, and an immediate reply requested by the following day. Germany, though annoyed by this precipitate action of Russia, which threatened her economic interests in Rumania, was bound by the terms of the German-Soviet pact of August, 1939, which represented the exclusive political interest of Russia in these areas of South-East Europe. The German Government therefore counselled Rumania to yield. On June 27 all Rumanian troops were withdrawn from the two provinces concerned, and the territories passed into Russian hands. The armed forces of the Soviet Union were now firmly planted on the shores of the Baltic and at the mouth of the Danube.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



THE OPPOSING FORCES on the WESTERN FRONT 5 June 1942

However, we comprehended the future more truly than these cold-blooded calculators, and understood their dangers and their interest better than they did themselves. I now addressed myself for the first time to Stalin, Prime Minister to Monsieur Stalin.

bleth before all Europe—now two countries included—was how the States and Peoples of Europe are going to react towards the prospect of Germany establishing a hegemony over the Continent.

Two Objects

The fact that both our countries lie not in Europe but, on her extremities, puts them in a special position. We are better enabled than others, least Germany's, to resist her. As you know, the British Government certainly intend to use their geographical position and their great resources to this end. In fact, Great Britain's policy is concentrated on two objects: one, to save herself from German domination, which the Nazi Government wishes to impose on the other, to free the rest of Europe from the domination which Germany is now in process of imposing on it. The Soviet Union is alone in a position to judge whether Germany's present bid for the hegemony of Europe threatens

Mutual Suspicions

At this time when the face of Europe is changing hourly, I should like to take the opportunity of your receiving His Majesty's new Ambassador to ask the latter to convey to you a message from myself. Geographically our two countries lie at the opposite extremities of Europe, and from the point of view of systems of government it may be said that they stand for widely differing systems of political thought. But I trust that these facts need not prevent the relations between our two countries in the international sphere from being harmonious and mutually beneficial. In the past—in the recent past—our relations have, it must be acknowledged, been hampered

March Of Events

Although these expressions of their opinion were, of course, unknown till after the war, we were under no illusions about the Russian attitude. We none the less pursued a patient policy of trying to re-establish relations of a confidential character with Russia, trusting to the fundamental antagonisms to Germany. It was thought wise to use the abilities of Sir Stafford Cripps as Ambassador to Moscow. He willingly accepted this bleak and unprosperous task. We did not at that time realise sufficiently that Soviet Communists hate extreme left-wing politicians even more than they do Tories or Liberals. The need of a man to Communism in his sentiment, the more obnoxious in his to the Soviets unless he joins the party.

The Soviet Government agreed to receive Cripps as Ambassador, and explained this step to the Nazi confederates. "The Soviet Union," wrote Schulenburg to Berlin on May 12, "is interested in obtaining rubber and tin from Germany in exchange for lumber. There is no reason for apprehension concerning Cripps's mission, since there is no reason to doubt the loyal attitude of the Soviet Union towards us, and since the unchanged direction of Soviet policy towards England precludes damage to Germany or vital German interests. There are no indications of any kind here for belief that the latest German successes cause alarm or fear of Germany in the Soviet Government."

Fire And Steel

The collapse of France and the destruction of the French armies and all counter-poise in the West ought to have produced some reaction in Stalin's mind, but nothing seemed to warn the Soviet leaders of the gravity of their own peril. On June 18, when the French defeat was total, Schulenburg reported, "Molotov summoned me this evening to his office and expressed the warmest congratulations on the splendid success of the German armed forces." This was almost exactly a year from the date when these same armed

THE NEW EMPIRE

The Pecksniffian mourners who have since the war lamented the break-up of the British Empire were not entirely au fait with the never ceasing developments of that remarkable organisation of that remarkable organisation of peoples. From the time that Whitehall began to be conscious of its overseas responsibilities, complete independence—and indeed the severance of sovereignty if desired—was always eventually possible for the most obscure member of the Commonwealth.

It is true, of course, that British political influence has diminished materially in the East: from India to Ceylon, Burma and the Pacific. That is only one side of the picture, but nevertheless the home country has had to look elsewhere for a guaranteed source of raw materials, not to mention military bases. The spotlight has inevitably been turned on Africa, only weakly up to the present, but one must expect with increasing intensity in the near future. The latest development is one of prime importance. An eighth dominion is in the blueprint stage—the linking of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland into one federation, consolidating even further the vast British territory flowing Northwards from Capetown into the great wilderness of the high veld plateau. (To go from Durban or Port Elizabeth to the Tanganyika border takes three solid weeks by road, rail and lake, or two days by air.)

The negro population of the projected new dominion is more than 5,500,000, while Europeans number only about 100,000 in the three colonies. The limitless empty spaces, burnt brown under a fierce sun at an average altitude of 5,000 feet, yield only a little meat and hides, gold, coal and asbestos, and much copper. Distances from the nearest port are tremendous—1,500 miles from the most thriving centres—but modern transport facilities are gradually making possible the development of inland raw materials. The entire area is full of valuable minerals, although mostly in such small individual quantities as to make exploitation uneconomical. During the war several airfields were built over goldmines which contained ore but had been abandoned as white elephants. On the other hand, the Wankar coal fields will last for several hundred years, and the Northern Rhodesian copper belt can supply the world. Underneath the uncertain future, the



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"Liberal Party Shaking" After all this time? By the water around their must truly be deep.

Our errand news agencies again. One believes that in Britain's new Central Africa dominion, the negro population will be ruled by a benevolent aristocracy. So there's hope for the remittance man's hope, and all would-be autocrats and autocrats can take notice.

At last! Those misguided ones who thought "DE" meant Dairy Farm.

"Record" polling in Portugal's elections. The President was a candidate. One for all and all for one.

Earl Baldwin of Bewdley. Shook his shafts shrewdly. After all, what's so absurd in the White Man being the Black man's burden? Stating the case crudely.

These colleges we saw volunteering the other day should make some sturdy copper miners some time.

Look up Sun Fo's "Cabinet" in a French dictionary for at least one description of it.

Wanting to deport Anna to the U.S. is regarded as a strong move by Stalin.

A visiting Rumanian says Chinese girls' dresses would shock them in Rumania, where a damsel wears "a transparent, gauze-like blouse." Which only goes to show you.

What about following in Penang's footsteps with a Kowloon secession committee?

So, once again the fat is in the fire between Turkey and Greece.



Your electricity bill. Ma!

IKE'S PORTRAIT

Aldershot, February 17. A portrait in oils of General Eisenhower, a gift of the Quartermasters Association of the United States Army, was presented to the Headquarters Mess of the Royal Army Service Corps here today by Major-General John Leonard, United States Military Attaché in London.

The portrait will hang in the mess alongside those of leaders of the last war, including Winston Churchill and Lord Montgomery—Reuter.

Berlin Blockade "A Failure"

Berlin, February 17. General Lucius Clay, American commander in Germany, made it plain today that the Soviet blockade of Berlin is a failure.

General Clay said: "It has become crystal clear that blockades and starvation do not form a successful tool for political coercion. There is no question whatsoever of our ability to sustain Berlin by air indefinitely until we have accomplished our objectives."

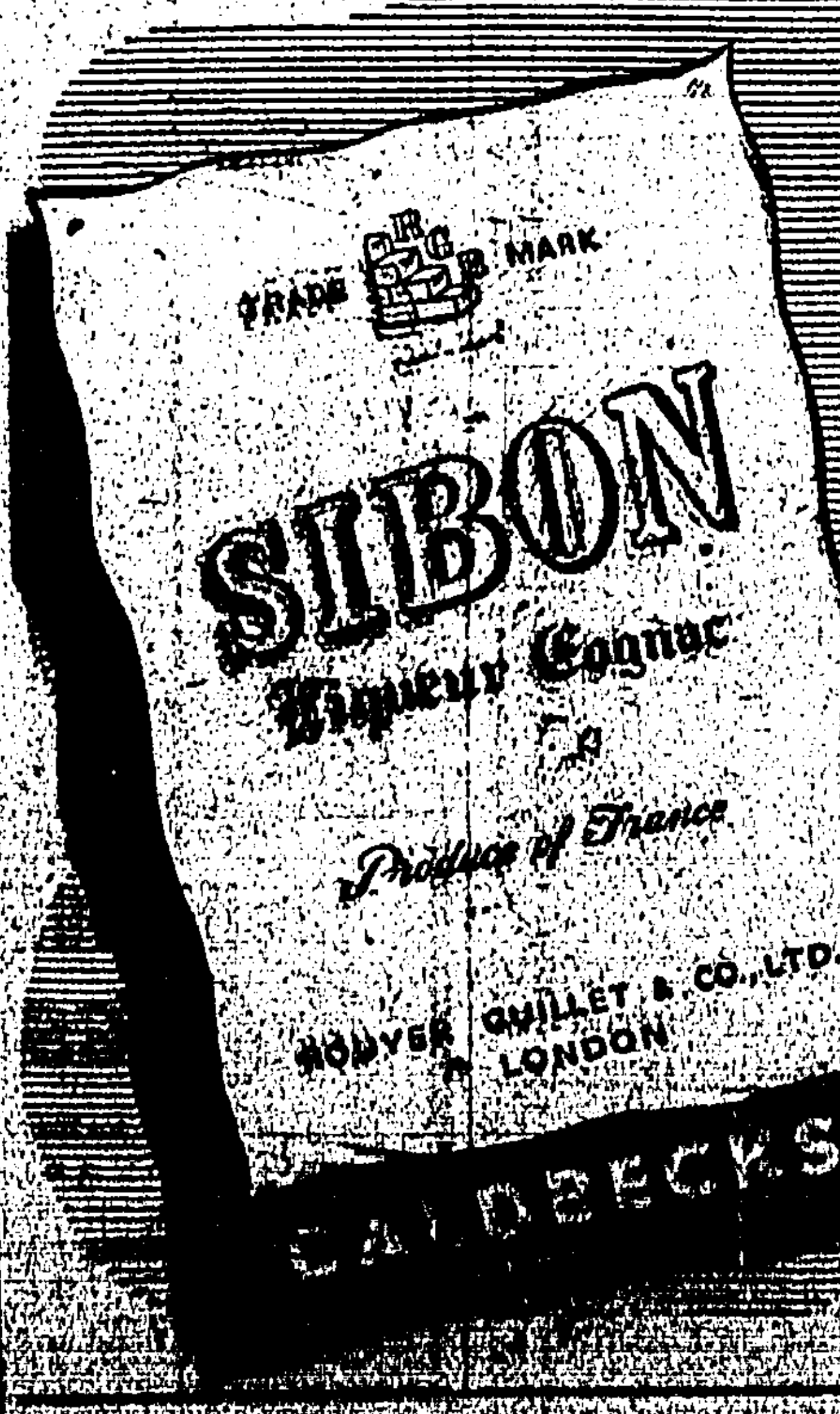
The Russians are building permanent road blocks of iron, steel and stone across several of the Berlin streets which link the Soviet sector with the Western sectors. Semi-permanent barriers are being thrown across other traffic arteries. General Clay said: "Without adding any planes to the airlift, we will be able to bring in more than 6,000 tons of supplies daily from here on."

Four thousand tons daily are considered the minimum amount of supplies necessary to sustain the Western sectors of Berlin.



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INCREASES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

London, February 17.
The British Government has decided in principle to accord large increases in salaries for civil servants in the highest grades.

A special committee, headed by the Labour Peer, Lord Chorley, has recommended this action. The committee's report, published tonight, proposes that in future the Permanent Secretary of the Treasury—the chief of the Civil Service—receive £5,000 per annum, equal to the salary of a Cabinet Minister. Other heads of Ministries would receive £4,500.

At present, these chiefs receive £3,750 and £3,500 respectively. Britain's highest civil servants, who carry the permanent responsibility of administration regardless of a change of Government, have been unfavourably compared with those of other countries.

Permanent heads of great Government departments in some cases receive considerably less than heads of the boards of nationalised industries.

In defence to Britain's present "freeze" of wages, prices and profits, civil servants have indicated that they are willing to accept a postponement of the increases and their eventual application by gradual stages.—Reuter.

Defence Warning To Norway

Oslo, February 17.
Norway's Service chiefs have uttered serious warnings against cuts in their estimates for 1949-50, it was disclosed in defence budget details published today.

The Service chiefs had proposed more than 300 million kroner (£16,450,000) plus an extraordinary £75 million kroner, it appears from today's figures. But, as published earlier, the total defence budget has been set at 250 million kroner.

FASTER AND BETTER JETS

London, February 17.
Britain's leading jet fighter plane, the 800 kilometres an hour Vampire, will soon be appearing in faster, higher climbing forms.

The jet forces of eight countries, including France, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland, have already been equipped with Vampires. A spokesman for the Dp Havilland Aircraft and Engine Companies, the builders, said today: "New engines and aerodynamic changes in the Vampire will produce new forms of the plane before long."

"They will keep it well within the first line of fighter aircraft with no possibility of its being outclassed in the immediate future."—Reuter.

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NO CHANGE IN POLICY ON JAPAN

Washington, February 18.
President Truman today backed up statements by his Secretaries of State and Army by saying there has been no change whatever in U.S. policy regarding the occupation of Japan.

Mr. Truman told a news conference that he accepted Secretary Acheson's version of his controversial off-the-record conference with Tokyo yesterday.

The President said that if he remembered correctly, Mr. Acheson had categorically denied suggesting it might be advisable for the U.S. to evacuate Japan in event of hostilities.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, also has denied that there is any change in American policy in Japan.

In reply to questions the President noted that it is not his controversy but Mr. Acheson's and that Mr. Acheson had made his own statement.

It was then that a reporter wanted to know whether there are circumstances under which the U.S. will withdraw from Japan as a matter of strategy.

Mr. Truman said he had no comment on that other than to say that the policy of the American Government is unchanged.

Mr. Royall had said the U.S. does not intend to abandon Japan to Russia in case war should come.—Associated Press.

Gottwald Talks With The Church

Prague, February 18.
High level talks between Government and Roman Catholic Church leaders began here yesterday.

All questions which have arisen between the Central Committee of the National Front (Government coalition) and the Catholic Church are being considered.

The Communist President, Klement Gottwald, himself conferred with the church leaders, who were accompanied by Catholic Church leaders. Since that meeting press and radio attacks on the Catholic Church hierarchy have diminished. Mr. Gottwald's position has been that religious faith should not be misused against the State.

The hierarchy was accused of shielding religious based or connected anti-State activity.—Associated Press.

Truman Says Word For New Pact

Washington, February 17.
President Truman today reaffirmed his faith in the proposed North Atlantic security pact and said that he still adheres to the views about the pact set out in his inaugural message on January 20.

Mr. Truman told his weekly press conference that there is nothing mysterious about the Atlantic Pact and that the United States policy had been clearly expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, yesterday.

The President is understood to have offered in his inaugural message in which he said that the best interest of the United States is to make sure that effective counter-measures will be taken immediately against violations of this pact.

President Truman made it clear today that he still thinks in the United States with the other North Atlantic powers, can (in the words of his inaugural address) provide unmistakable proof of the joint determination of the free countries to resist an armed attack from any quarter.

UN Planes Shot At

Haiti, February 18.
Two United Nations Dakota aircraft, searching unsuccessfully for the United Nations Canal plane which disappeared on Monday between Beirut and Amman, were shot at before they returned to their base.

United Nations officials said today.

Earlier, it was reported that one of the Dakotas is still missing, but that it is in the hands of the United Nations.

Further reports said that the United Nations plane was shot down by a Syrian plane.

The Syrian plane was shot down by a United Nations plane, which was shot down by a Syrian plane.

Russia Hasn't Yet Got Atomic Bombs

Washington, February 17.
The military has intelligence today that Russia still possesses no atomic bombs, according to an Army general.

In an article on industrial vulnerability to bombing, Major General Robinson of Army Engineers disclosed: "The best intelligence indicates that our major potential enemy does not now have atomic bombs."

Another Army general, Lieutenant General Leslie Groves, wartime head of the U.S. atomic bomb project, expressed the opinion that Russia is not prepared for an atomic war. He frankly bases his opinion, however, on estimates of Russia's scientific and industrial capacity.—United Press.

COLONIAL OFFICE SNUB FOR WEST INDIAN LEADERS

London, February 17.
Two West Indian labour leaders who asked for an immediate interview with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, today to defend Lord Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, came away disappointed.

The Colonial Office told them that their request will be forwarded through the normal channels.

Lord Baldwin, who landed in Britain last Saturday, is having his third meeting with the Colonial Secretary today. Mr. Creech Jones recently denied suggestions that Lord Baldwin had been recalled because of a frank and open speech he had made.

The two labour leaders, Mr. V.C. Bird, President of the Antigua Trade and Labour Union, and Mr. Robert Bradshaw, President of the St. Kitts Labour Union, arrived here yesterday to help in the writing of the report of the Goulbury Commission on the West Indies sugar industry.

They left the Colonial Office hoping for an early chance of presenting the case for the sugar industry to the Colonial Secretary. Lord Baldwin, who expects to see the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, shortly, has said he does not know when he will be returning to the Leeward Islands.

"Just Chaos"
Mr. Bird told a reporter today. "If Lord Baldwin is not so soon returned as Governor, the people will be greatly disappointed and will really lose confidence."

HOW MANY WOMEN IN A SHOW?

Paris, February 17.
The question of how many women make the difference between a music hall show and an opera was gravely discussed in a Paris court today.

The parties in the case are the A.B.C. Theatre and the French Inland Revenue authorities. A show called the "Laughter Revue", staged at the A.B.C. last year, was taxed at more than a 1,000,000 francs as a music hall show.

The theatre contended today that it was really an opera which would cut the tax by half as operettas are in a different tax category.

The Inland Revenue said one piece in the "Laughter Revue" showed a naked woman posing and the production was therefore a music hall show.

The theatre lawyers retorted that the well-known French operetta "Le Roi Pausole" has a scene showing eight naked women yet nobody disputed that this is an opera.—Reuter.

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AUTONOMY FOR SLOVENES IN SOUTHERN AUSTRIA?

INQUIRY INTO RACE RIOTING

Durban, February 17. The South African inquiry into the Durban race riots between Africans and Indians opened here today.

Dr. G. S. Lowen, appearing jointly for the South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress, alleged that the clashes were due to incitement by Europeans.

Other causes, he alleged, were slum conditions; speeches by Ministers, racial antagonism and hatred propagated by the press and present South African Government.

Dr. Lowen submitted that the root causes of the riots could only be brought out by cross-examination of witnesses and appealed to the Inquiry Commission to allow this.

The Chairman, Mr. Justice Pivan Der Heever, refused the application and then granted an adjournment until tomorrow to enable Dr. Lowen to consult his clients.—Reuter.

Concert Pianist's Expulsion

Washington, February 17. The German pianist, Walter Gieseking, left the United States last month after a special board of enquiry found his presence would be prejudicial to the best interests of the United States, the Justice Department announced here.

At the time of his departure lawyers for the Department and Gieseking said that the pianist was leaving voluntarily.

He had cancelled a series of concerts after pickets had surrounded Carnegie Hall where he was to have played.

Gieseking had acknowledged that he had played in Germany throughout the war but denied he was ever a Nazi.

The Department said it had not made a previous announcement of the special board's enquiry because evidence presented by the immigration officials involved national security.

Gieseking agreed to leave without a hearing but formal proceedings were held so that he would know what his rights were, it added.—Reuter.

NOTHING IN IT

Washington, February 18. A State Department spokesman today said there is absolutely nothing in Departmental files to indicate that Russia warned the Department in a 60-day period prior to Pearl Harbor of the impending Japanese attack. Stories published locally and New York said Russia learned in early October, 1941, that the Japanese had decided to attack and the Kremlin had warned the State Department. The story said that Army censors had deleted this reference to Russia's warning from the Sorge spy report.—United Press.

PNOMPENH CRASH

Salon, February 18. M. Lucien Dubet, French Interim Commissioner in Cambodia, was injured when a private aircraft crashed at Pnompenh today. He was taken to hospital, where it is stated that his life is not in danger.—Reuter.

Malaya Situation Still Serious

Singapore, February 17. The situation in Malaya is still serious and requires a far more determined stand by the population, Sir Henry Gurney, the High Commissioner, said today.

He told the Federal Legislative Council at Kuala Lumpur that he has represented to the British Government the necessity for a substantial contribution towards the cost of the Federal Government's security and defence requirements.

The emergency is costing \$13,000,000 daily. This tragic expense to the taxpayer cannot be allowed to drag on for two years or any similar period, he said. In a reference to a recent report by the British Government that the Japanese had taken two years to end the war, he said: "Sir Henry said that the population in October and November, 1945, was still in a state of panic."—Reuter.

Compromise Suggested At Big Four Treaty Talks

London, February 18.

Western diplomats are studying the possibility of establishing an autonomous province of Slovenes in Southern Austria.

An informed source—a Western diplomat in close touch with the Big Four talks—said this in Paris today.

He added that a compromise has been suggested as a way to end the deadlock in the Austrian independence treaty talks.

Yugoslavia's demand for a piece of Slovene-populated Southern Austria has been the main stumbling block to agreement on a treaty by the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers. Russia has supported the demand and the West opposed it. The source said that the Austrian Cabinet is also considering the compromise autonomy scheme. The Austrian Foreign Minister, Karl Gruber, returned on Wednesday to Vienna after private talks with the four deputies.

British and American officials express cautious hope that a treaty agreement may soon be reached for Austria. Details of the deputies' back stage talks with Gruber and with the Yugoslav Deputy, Alca Bebler, remain a secret, however.

It is clear, though, that the Western diplomats are hoping for some kind of direct Austro-Yugoslav agreement to solve the problem. The sources said that Yugoslavia might give up her territorial claims in return for a scheme to protect Austria's Slovene population.

Yugoslav Demand

Yugoslavia has demanded cessation of an 800 square mile area in the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria. An estimated 166,000 people, most of them of Slovene descent, live in the disputed territory. An American official said that America will support any reasonable proposal to safeguard the Slovene population.

No specific proposal has been presented by Bebler in his private talks with American, British and French Deputies. Bebler made it clear that Yugoslavia is willing to compromise on its claims in order to reach an agreement.

Bebler is expected to appear formally at a session of the Deputy Foreign Ministers next week, when he will represent Yugoslavia with a revised stand. Gruber is expected to return from Vienna to give the Austrian Government's reaction to compromise proposals.

No concrete proposal for an autonomous Slovene province was hammered out in preliminary talks but various schemes are under review.

Soviet Adament

An American source said that the Western powers are still firmly opposed to giving Yugoslavia any Austrian territory or the \$150,000,000 in reparations that Yugoslavia demands. Other economic concessions may be made, added the source.

Meanwhile Soviet Russia today told the Foreign Ministers' deputies that she has no further concessions to offer in her demand for \$150 million compensation for relinquishing claims to German assets. She demands that Austria pay the lump sum in freely convertible currency over a period of six years. The British, French and United States deputies have agreed to \$100 million partly in currency and partly in goods—spread over seven years.

Above this the Western deputies have agreed that Russia should receive Austrian assets in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, estimated at \$15 million.

The Soviet delegate, M. George Zarubin, said today that he had already made a concession in reducing his original demand for \$200 million. The three Western deputies agreed that any addition to their existing figure depends on the following factors:

1. A settlement of the oil and shipping paragraphs in the draft treaty and other economic clauses.
2. Method of payment.
3. Proof that such a sum is within Austria's capacity.
4. Conditions under which assets to which Russia is resigning her claim are to be handed back.

—Associated Press and Reuter.

Mediterranean Defence Pact?

Paris, February 17.

Turkey contemplates the possibility of extending and completing the Western pacts by an agreement in the Mediterranean, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Neftcioglu Sadak, said, reporters today.

He said: "This agreement would take place later at an opportune moment. The proposed Atlantic Pact is a system of security destined for a geographical region, strictly limited in the thoughts of those who are preparing it. There is no reason therefore why Turkey should take part in it."

"Peace in Europe cannot be preserved strictly in one part of the continent. For us, European peace is one and indivisible."—Reuter.

RUSSIANS SPRING A SURPRISE

Lake Success, February 17.

The Soviet Union in a surprise move today told the Security Council that it approves the nomination of Colonel Herman Fluockiger, former Swiss Minister in Moscow, as candidate for the Governorship of Trieste.

Colombo's Biggest Manhunt

Colombo, February 18.

The biggest manhunt in the history of Ceylon's police force reached its climax today when, after an 18-day search, seven men appeared in a Colombo magistrate's court and were remanded in connection with a 400,000 rupee robbery from the Ceylon Turf Club.

The robbery was carried out by armed gangsters in a hired motor car on January 31 as the money was being conveyed to the bank. The car was found abandoned in Colombo but the dead body of the car's regular driver was discovered two days later in the jungle, 98 miles from Colombo.

A 20,000 rupee reward was offered for information leading to the arrests.—Associated Press.

New Delhi, February 17.

India will allow Indian businessmen limited exchange facilities to establish offices in Japan, the Indian Ministry of Commerce announced here tonight.—Reuter.

Espionage Trials In Germany

Munich, February 17.

A 31-year-old Czech, Frantisek Klecka, was today sentenced to 20 years' hard labour for espionage against the United States in the first of five secret trials of alleged members of a Czech spy ring in the American Zone of Germany.

After the sentence, a usually reliable source said Klecka was formerly a steward on the Orient Express running between Paris and Prague and has a wife still living in Czechoslovakia.

All testimony and evidence in the case were kept secret. The court allowed reporters into the court room only to hear sentence pronounced.

The defendant was deeply affected by the sentence and cried out in German: "I am innocent. Believe me, I am innocent." when he walked over to four military policemen to be handcuffed.

Klecka's attorneys, an American officer and a civilian, said they will appeal against the sentence.

The Klecka proceedings began yesterday before an eight-man Military Commission. The chairman of the Commission, Brigadier General John McKee, said today that while the evidence in the Klecka case and one other trial will be kept secret, the findings and verdicts in all five will be made public in open court.

The second of the cases will open at Nuremberg with two Poles and a German as defendants.

The third case will be against the lone woman in the case, Elzabeth Zierlich. Charges have not been preferred against 15 other defendants.—Reuter.

Australian Project

Canberra, February 17.

Australia plans to recruit technicians with experience of the Tennessee Valley Authority's work and similar projects in the United States to help on the huge Snowy River irrigation and defence industries scheme.

Technicians will also be sought in Britain, while it is proposed to find labour for tunnelling and heavy construction work on dams in Britain and Europe.

The Snowy River project, involving the damming of three rivers in the Australian Alps, will provide water power for a system of power stations South of Canberra.

They will feed huge aluminium smelter factories below the dams. It is expected that it will take a quarter of a century to complete the work.—Reuter.

SMALL CHANCE OF CO-OPERATION IN SCANDINAVIA

Oslo, February 17.

The three Scandinavian Premiers, together with the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange, had a long conference in Oslo today. The Swedish and Danish Premiers, M. Tage Erlander and M. Hans Hedtoft, are guests at a Labour Party Congress in Oslo.

M. Hedtoft is reported to have pressed urgently the case for Scandinavian co-operation. But differences of opinion between the Norwegian and Swedish Premiers are so great that an approach is impossible.

The Norwegian Premier, Einar Gerhardsen, today officially denied reports in the Danish paper "Politiken" that there will be further Scandinavian negotiations before Norway takes a final decision regarding the proposed Atlantic Pact.

He added: "It is reasonable, however, that we inform other Scandinavians of our decision before announcing it."

Political circles in Oslo consider it almost certain that Norway will join the projected Atlantic Pact. But it is unlikely that any announcement of her willingness to take part in Atlantic Pact negotiations will be made in less than about a fortnight.

"Decisive"

Premier Gerhardsen said in his opening address to the Labour Party Congress today that the conference's resolution on foreign policy is likely to have decisive significance for Norway's position in the coming years.

He hoped that delegates are aware of their responsibility.

Apart from the Communists, the only opposition to the Government's "Westward" policy is to be found in the Labour Party itself.

This opposition is not regarded as numerically strong. In view of the fact that elections are due in October it is expected that the Party will maintain unity and support the Government.—Reuter.

SIDNEY STANLEY'S FUTURE

London, February 17.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, told Parliament today that he will not approach the Israeli Government to admit Mr. Sidney Stanley, key figure in the Lynskey Corruption Tribunal, until he knows whether Poland will accept him.

Mr. Chuter Ede said Mr. Stanley was originally described at the Tribunal hearings as a Pole and he is trying to deport him to Poland.

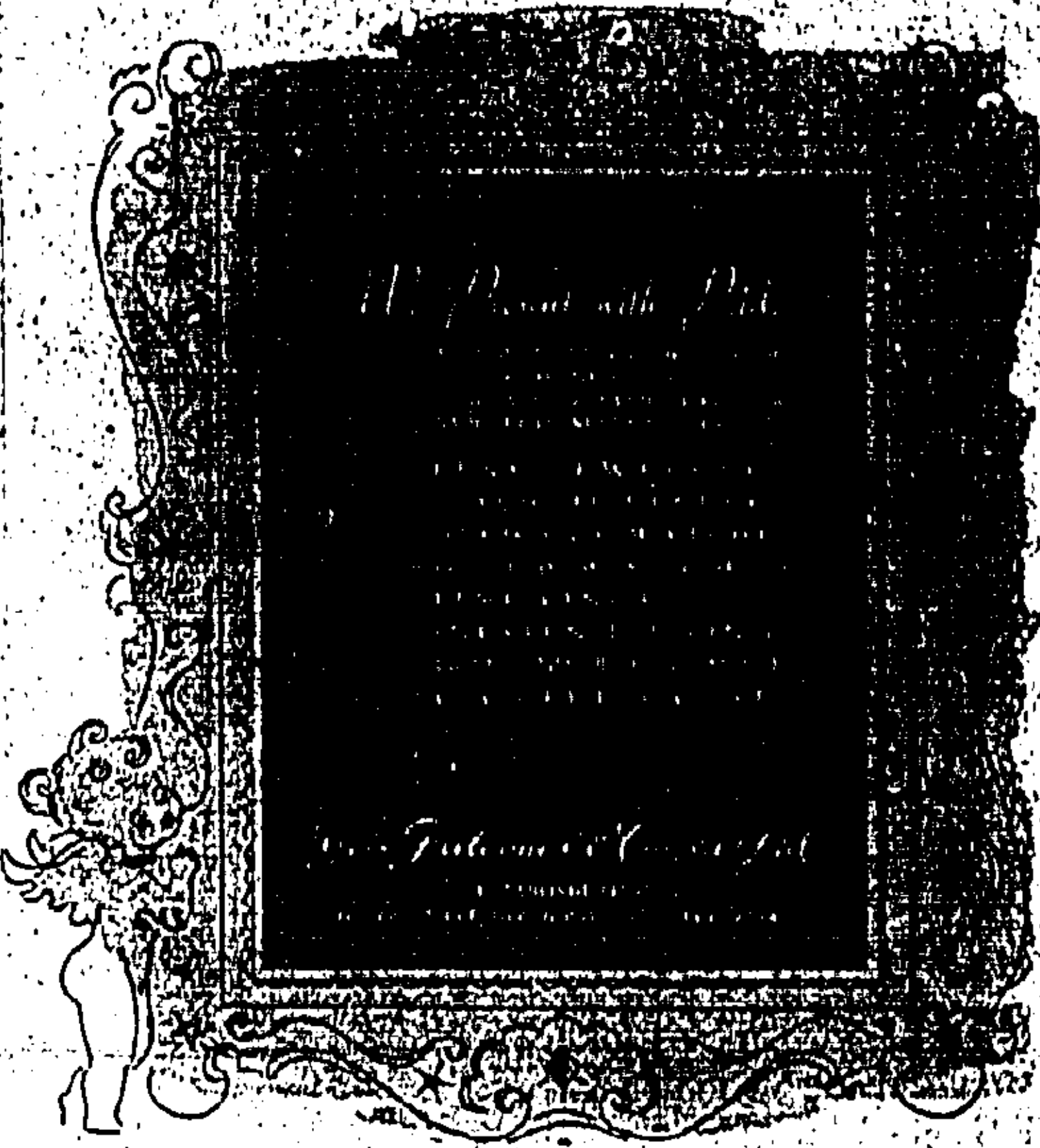
Mr. Will Nally, Labour, said he hopes that the Minister, in any representations, will emphasise that British Jewish and Arab lives have been sacrificed for the principle that every Jew should have the right to enter Palestine.

"A painful impression will be created in Britain if the Israeli Government take the best and leave the parasites behind," he said.

Amid laughter, Mr. Geoffrey Nicholson, Conservative, asked if it is intended to be a compliment to Poland to offer them the first refusal.

More laughter greeted a remark by Mr. Commodore A. V. Harvey, Conservative, that if Poland replies favourably he hopes the Minister will ensure that Mr. Stanley is not sent to the Polish Embassy in London as a trade commissioner with diplomatic privileges.

Sir Walden Smithers, Conservative, was rebuked by the Speaker for facetiously suggesting that Mr. Stanley might be appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer pending his deportation.—Reuter.



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STEP NEARER 'NEW EUROPE'

Paris, February 17.

Leading statesman of the 19 Marshall aid countries today approved the setting up of a seven-power Ministerial Committee to streamline Western Europe's economic policy.

The Belgian Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, will be chairman of the new body, described by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, as a European Government.

The plan which was accepted today by the full Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation is described as giving the new body the same relation to the Council as a Government has to its Parliament.

It is proposed that the new Consultative Body comprise Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and Turkey.

The Council approved also a recommendation that it meet at a Ministerial level not less than four times a year.

Count Sforza told correspondents: "Our work proves our will to lead Europe towards economic unity. Although governments will retain their sovereignty, the newly formed body will be on a super-national level. We must substitute European interdependence for the national independence of European peoples in the past century."

Soviet Menace

Count Sforza predicted that within weeks the European economic unification just achieved will be paralleled by developments in the plan for a Council of Europe.

"With the OEEC and the projected Council of Europe, we can build a new Europe," he said. Referring to the sombre approach of the present and future Soviet policy, Count Sforza declared: "A great totalitarian State would like to use Germany as its Army. We, on the other hand, would like to convert it into a peace-loving power."

Mr. Spaak, the new chairman of the seven-power Ministerial Committee of the OEEC, said the Organisation is looking for a new name. He appealed to correspondents tonight for suggestions for a new name which would arouse a human response in the hearts of the public.—Reuter.

MENTAL HYGIENE IN ISRAEL

New York, February 18. A programme to help the State of Israel develop a complete mental hygiene scheme was launched here today by the American Advisory Committee of Mental Hygiene in Israel.

The Committee plans to send psychiatric teams to Israel, train Israeli personnel in the United States, and Israel in the setting up of screening centres and to supply material such as testin and therapeutic equipment.—Reuter.

CAIRO RAIDS

Cairo, February 18. Egyptian police today rounded up 90 people described as Communists and members of the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood in raids on 75 houses in Cairo.

The raids followed the discovery of tracts being distributed in the streets.—Reuter.

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CARDINAL'S TRIAL A TRAVESTY

Paris, February 17. The United States Minister to Hungary, Mr. Selden Chapin, today said that the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty was a travesty of justice.

He does not know exactly how the Communist-dominated Government of Hungary had wrung a partial confession from the Catholic prelate, but he is certain that all kinds of pressure were used.

Mr. Chapin has been summoned to Washington by the State Department "for consultations." The American authorities have taken no formal action on the Hungarian demand that he be recalled.

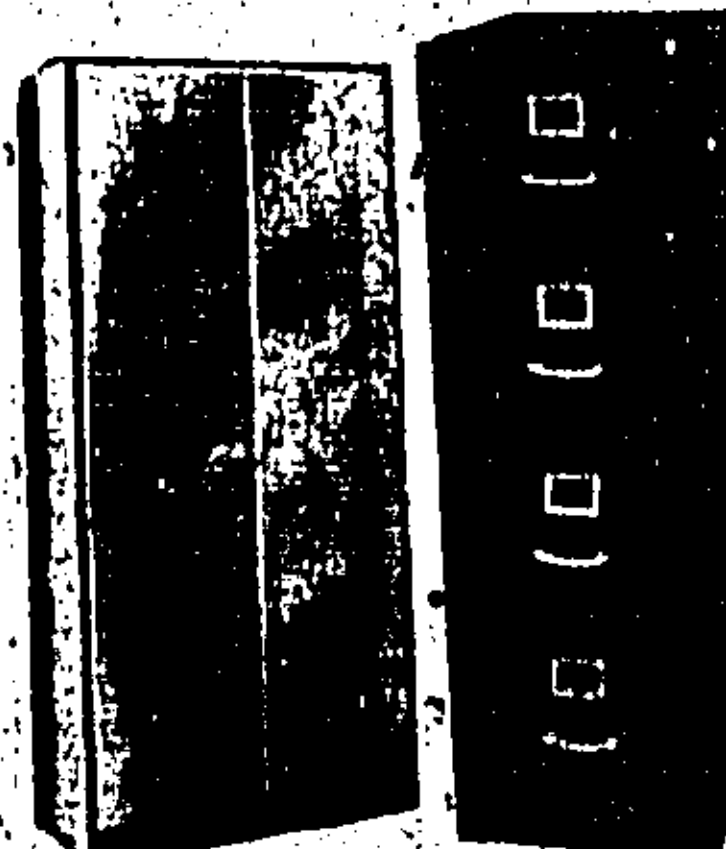
During his stop in Vienna, Mr. Chapin said the stern United States reaction to the imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty was a profound effect in Hungary.

He said he believed that the strong statements by President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, put the Hungarian Government on a psychological defensive.—United Press.

RESTRICTIONS ON CHINESE

Bangkok, February 18. A Royal decree today reserved certain jobs, among them farming for Siamese nationals. Other occupations listed in a law understood to be intended to protect Siamese from Chinese competition include bus driving, hairdressing, working in the salt-fields and driving cars and tricycles.

The Siamese Premier, Marshal Phibul Songkram, warned the Chinese in Siam last week against taking up occupations and profiteering at the expense of the Siamese people.—Reuter.



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On the night before we left Moscow the American ambassador gave a reception for the visiting party. It was a stag affair and Russian guests were mainly individuals from the Foreign Office and the armed services. There were the usual toasts, followed by a supper, in the midst of which the ambassador received an urgent call to come to the Foreign Office at once. Suspecting that he might obtain news of a Japanese surrender, momentarily expected, Mr. Harriman asked me to do my best to hold all the guests until he returned. This proved to be quite a task because the ambassador was kept at the Foreign Office much longer than he had anticipated. However, by enlisting help from a number of American friends who devoted new toasts, some of them even set to the tunes of the orchestra, we managed to entertain the guests and keep the bulk of them until Mr. Harriman returned.

He walked to the middle of the room and announced the Japanese surrender, which brought a joyous shout of approval from all the Americans present. But I noted that old Marshal Budenny, who was standing at my side, did not seem to exhibit any great enthusiasm. I asked him whether he was not glad the war was over and he replied, "Oh yes, but we should have kept going until we had killed a lot more of those insolent Japanese." The marshal seemed to be a most congenial, humane, and hospitable type but at the same time he seemed to have no concern that even one day's continuance of war meant death or wounds for additional hundreds of Russian citizens.

During the war I had heard much of the magnificent defence of Leningrad in 1941 and 1942. I expressed a desire to visit that city briefly. In the siege of Leningrad 350,000 civilians, according to the Russian records, died of starvation. Many more were killed and wounded. These figures were constantly recited to our visiting party by civilian officials of Leningrad who joined the military commanders to act as our local hosts. The extraordinary suffering of the population and the length of time that the city endured the rigours and privations of the battle combined to make the operation one of the memorable

stages of history, certainly it is without parallel in modern times. All of us were struck by the fact that in speaking of Leningrad's losses every citizen did so with a tone of pride and satisfaction in his voice. The pride, of course, was understandable in view of the heroic endurance that had defeated the enemy at that vital point; but it was more difficult to grasp the reasons for satisfaction, even though it was explained to us that this city, by paying such a tremendous price, had proved itself "worthy of Mother Russia."

The mayor of the city had us for luncheon with a number of civil and military leaders of the region. During the toasting period my son, who had heretofore escaped the ordeal, was called upon by Marshal Zhukov for a toast. Later John told me that during the entire visit he had been forthrightly a challenge and had prepared himself for it as well as he could. He rose to his feet and after remarking that as a young lieutenant he was not accustomed to associate with marshals of the Soviet Union, mayors of great cities, and five-star generals, he said in effect: "I have been in Russia several days and have listened to many toasts. I have heard the virtues of every Allied ruler, every prominent marshal, general, admiral, and air commander toasted. I have yet to hear a toast to the most important Russian in World War II. Gentlemen, will you please drink with me to the common soldier of the great Red Army."

His toast was greeted with greater enthusiasm and shouts of approval than any other I heard during the days when we heard so many. Marshal Zhukov was particularly pleased and said to me that he and I must be getting old when we had to wait for a young lieutenant to remind us "who really won the war."

The return trip from Leningrad to Berlin became unpleasant when

the weather turned bad. During our flights through Russia our agreements required us to use a Russian navigator. Their navigators seemed quite skillful in orienting themselves by terrain features in the country-side, with which they were very familiar. Apparently, they were not so proficient in celestial navigation and would never give us authority to fly at a greater height than would permit them to see the ground. On this particular trip the ceiling dropped to low that, finally, we were skimming along at treetop level in our four-engine transport. This was too much for my pilot, Major Larry Hansen, who pretended for a moment that he could not understand the broken English of the Russian navigator, and quickly pulled the ship up to the top of the clouds. From then on we had a normal and easy flight to Berlin.

During our hours on the plane Marshal Zhukov and I frequently discussed the campaigns of the war. Because of his special position for several years in the Red Army, he had had a longer experience as a responsible leader in great battles than any other man of our time. It seems that he was habitually sent to whatever Russian sector appeared at the moment to be the decisive one. By his descriptions of the composition of the Russian Army, of the terrain over which it fought, of his reasons for his strategic decisions, it was clear that he was an accomplished soldier.

The marshal was astonished when I told him that each of our divisions, with its reinforcing battalions, was maintained at a strength of 17,000. He said that he tried to maintain his divisions at about 8,000, but that frequently, in a long campaign, some would be depleted to a strength of 3,000 to 4,000.

Highly illuminating to me was his description of the Russian method of attacking through mine fields. The German mine fields,

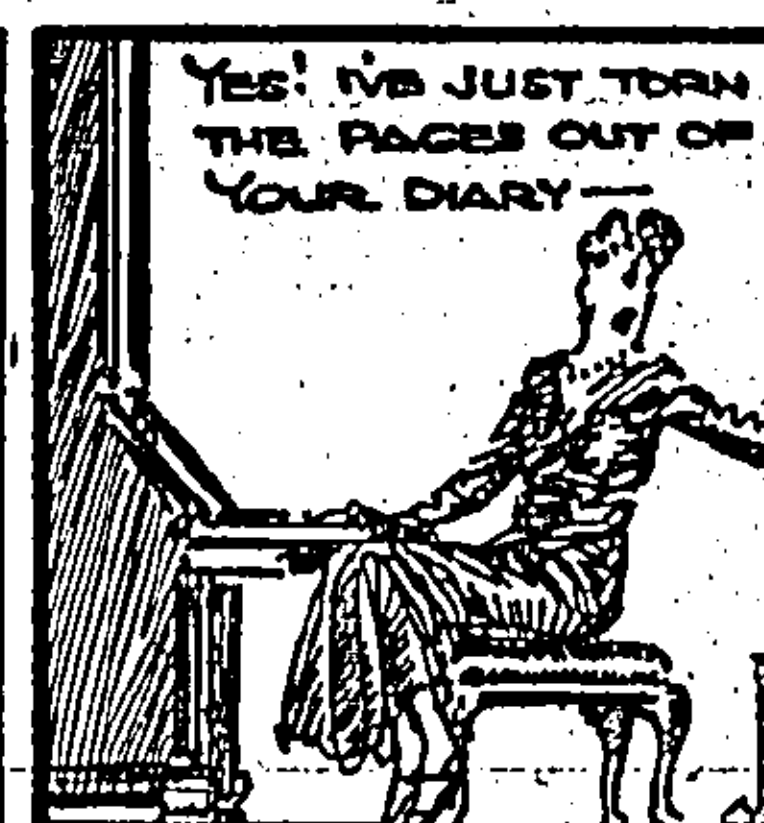
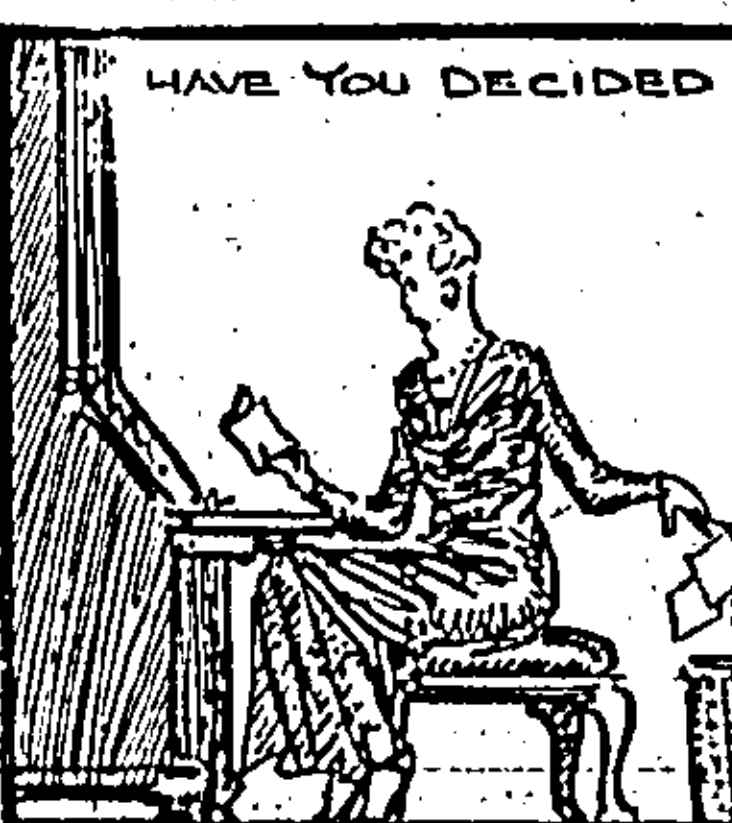
covered by defensive fire, were tactical obstacles that caused us many casualties and delays. It was always a laborious business to break through them, even though our technicians invented every conceivable kind of mechanical appliance to destroy mines safely. Marshal Zhukov gave me a matter-of-fact statement of his practice, which was roughly: "There are two kinds of mine; one is the personnel mine and the other is the vehicular mine. When we come to a mine field our infantry attacks exactly as if it were not there. The losses we get from personnel mines we consider only equal to those we would have gotten from machine guns and artillery. If the Germans had chosen to defend that particular area with strong bodies of troops instead of with mine fields. The attacking infantry does not set off the vehicular mines, so after they have penetrated to the far side of the field they form a bridgehead, after which the engineers come up and dig out channels through which our vehicles can go."

I had a vivid picture of what would happen to any American or British commander if he pursued such tactics, and I had an even more vivid picture of what the men in any one of our divisions would have had to go through the matter had we attempted to make such a practice a part of our tactical doctrine. Americans assess the cost of war in terms of human lives, the Russians in the over-all drain on the nation. The Russians clearly understood the value of morale, but for its development and maintenance they apparently depended upon over-all success and upon patriotism, possibly fanaticism.

As far as I could see, Zhukov had given little concern to methods that we considered vitally important to the maintenance of morale among American troops: systematic rotation of units, facilities for recreation, short leaves and furloughs, and, above all, the development of techniques to avoid exposure of men to unnecessary battlefield risks, all of which, although common practices in our Army, seemed to be largely unknown in his.

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"FOOCHOW"	Shanghai Yokohama 4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai Kobe 4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"FENGTIEN"	Singapore, Macau, Swatow, 4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"TSINAN"	Singapore, Macau, Swatow, 4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore & (Penang or U.S.I.) 28th Feb. ?

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"TSINAN"	Singapore noon 10th Feb.
"HUPHAI"	Swatow 9 a.m. 23rd Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung 1st March

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"TITAN"	U.K. via Straits 20th Mar.

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RUSSIANS RENEW ATTACK ON U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN

Washington, February 18.

He's Alive But Dead

Framingham, Mass., February 17. Ralph C. Abbott, 32, begins today the third year of life-like death. On February 17, 1947, his car hit a tree. He was flung headlong into a stone wall and he has been unconscious in hospital ever since.

Surgeons said he will never awake because part of the brain which would stir his mind or open his eyes is beyond repair. Every hour, the sleeping man is fed concentrated liquid food through a nose tube.

Every two hours attendants turn him in his bed. Every day his 62-year-old father sits beside him waiting and hoping.—Reuter.

Millions Of Specs For Britons

London, February 17.

Two million pairs of spectacles were provided in Britain under the new national health scheme between July 5 last year when the scheme began and January 31 this year.

This was disclosed in the House of Commons tonight by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, who declared: "This shows the need there always has been but could not in the past be satisfied."

Presenting the £2.8 million supplementary estimates for the national health service, he explained that when the original estimate was prepared it was quite impossible to tell the extent to which the scheme would be used by the public, how far professional services would be available and how far the services of dentists would be forthcoming.

The estimates, he said, reflect a very much wider use of the service and show the lack of provision which existed when the scheme came into force.

Dealing with the £19 million increased running costs of hospitals, Mr. Greenwood said the major cause in increased wages and salaries—student nurses' pay has almost doubled.

Under the old health scheme there was an average of 51 million prescriptions in nine months. Under the new scheme 128 million would be needed in the same period.—Reuter.

BEDSHEETS AS RENT PROTEST

San Francisco, February 17. Landladies today hung bedsheets out of the windows of more than 100 San Francisco apartment houses in protest against rent controls.

The Women Building Owners, affiliated with San Francisco Apartment House Associations, said they will fly bedsheets as a symbol of protest against the injustice of rent control, until they get some action from Congress.—United Press.

LIQUOR DEATHS

Glasgow, February 17. Ten people who died after two liquor parties in Glasgow last month drank methyl alcohol stolen by an employee from the local chemical works, a Glasgow inquest found today.

The police said an employee at the chemical works had admitted he had stolen the methyl alcohol and distributed it to friends. The man took some himself and had been taken to hospital.—Reuter.

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The Soviet Ambassador, Alexander S. Panyushkin, today renewed a demand that the Far Eastern Commission review American efforts to restore Japan's economy. He also asked that the commission make its own decision.

The Soviet envoy told the Pacific Allies' policy-making group that its rules were violated by an American order issued to the Japanese on December 10. This required Japan to impose strict price, wage and other controls.

The American aim, Mr. Panyushkin said, is to subject the Japanese economy to the interests of American monopolistic groups at the expense of Japan's economic independence.

The Soviet charges were made in a 2,000-word statement which Mr. Panyushkin read to the commission at its weekly closed-door session and then made public.

In it he returned to a dispute which first arose when the United States issued its new nine-point economic recovery programme. Mr. Panyushkin declared then the action evaded the commission. The State Department retorted that the United States has ample authority to issue orders to General Douglas MacArthur as American occupation commander on urgent matters.

"Own Policy"

Mr. Panyushkin's latest criticism of the action was a general attack on American policy and intentions toward Japan.

"The United States Government is pursuing in Japan a policy of its own, directed towards the preservation and strengthening of large Japanese concerns which played a great part in the aggression carried out by Japanese militarists," he said.

In Washington, the United States today expressed regrets that Mr. Panyushkin had voiced mistaken understanding of American policy in Japan.

Jews Accused Of Breaking Faith

London, February 18.

The London journal, "The Spectator," said yesterday that Israel has broken faith with the United Nations by convening its Constituent Assembly in Jerusalem.

The UN has declared in favour of placing Jerusalem under international control. "There is no reason why Israel should be allowed to stampede the rest of the world into the surrender of Jerusalem," it said, and expressed the viewpoint that history is likely to prove a millstone round the neck of the Zionists.

"In their determination to keep faith with Solomon, they are compelled to break faith with the UN," it said. "Jerusalem was selected as the meeting place for the newly-elected Constituent Assembly of Israel in spite of the fact that the declared opinion of the UN and the profound hope of the non-Jewish world is that Jerusalem should be placed under international control."

"Jewish claims to Jerusalem are based on three points: right of conquest, religious association and the present Jewish majority in the city."

"The first two arguments would have justified Britain in assuming permanent control of the Holy City after the first world war, but as mandatory power, we took a considerably broader view of our responsibilities to non-Christians than the Israeli Government has shown towards Gentiles."

"The argument from population figures is one for which Israel has shown no respect in districts where it runs counter to its ambitions—in the Negev and Galilee for example."

"Whatever may be the fate of Nazareth when final boundaries are drawn there is no reason why Israel should be allowed to stampede the rest of the world into the surrender of Jerusalem."

—Associated Press.

Exposure Test Was A Success

With R.N. Arctic Force,

February 17.

Lieutenant-Commander Boyd Martin last night gave up his planned six-day exposure test for the Royal Navy's Arctic Force after almost three gruelling days.

The officer had been perched on a gun platform precluding to be a lonely soldier brought down on an ice floe. He was testing a special airman's protection suit designed by himself and was living on normal six-day emergency rations.

He gave up the attempt after his small tent made from a parachute had been swept away during a 112-kilometres an hour gale. Commander Martin said: "I have proved my emergency suits saved in 10 to 15 seconds when I slept merely in underclothes."

During the test he lost about four kilos.—Reuter.

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WRAF Chief Coming East

London, February 17.

Group Officer Lady Seton, Inspector of the Women's Royal Air Force, will leave London airport tomorrow for an inspection tour of WAAF units in the Middle East and Far East.

Lady Seton will call at Aden on her way to Singapore.—Reuter.

Fascist Salutes In Rome

Rome, February 17.

The crowd broke into applause and many gave Fascist salutes when Prince Valerio Borghese, 42-year-old member of one of Rome's oldest families, was sentenced today to 12 years' imprisonment for collaborating with the Germans, which means he will be freed within a few weeks.

Eight years of his sentence have been cancelled under a political amnesty and he has already served over four years since the war.

After the sentence, the Prince kissed his 39-year-old Russian-born wife and declared: "Italy owes me eight months for the imprisonment I have already done." The trial began a year ago but was delayed by enquiries for further evidence.

The Prince was a former commander of the Republican Fascist "Ten Mass" Division.

When the Prince said: "Italy owes me eight months for the imprisonment," he misunderstood the first reading of the sentence and he thought he would be free immediately. It is believed that he was arrested in April 1945, and therefore he has a short term to serve before the four years are completed.—Reuter.

NO BOOZE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Karachi, February 18.

Din Mohammed, Governor Sind, has warned the European officers of the Pakistan Government against drinking at parties.

The Governor said: "Islam has prohibited drinking, and as servants of an Islamic state, European officers must respect the sanctity of Islam and refrain from drinking or they may choose their future elsewhere."

—Associated Press.

FRENCH ORDERS FOR BRITON

Saigon, February 17.

Captain Martin James Evans, Royal Navy, has been decorated with the French Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Honour on board a French cruiser near here. Captain Evans, at present serving with the Royal Navy Intelligence at Singapore, was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1942 for bravery and distinguished services at Malta.—Reuter.

BRITONS IN THE INDIAN ARMY

New Delhi, February 18.

Defence Ministry figures show there are 250 British officers in the Indian Armed Forces at present—280 in the Army, 43 in the Navy and 10 in the Air Force. In addition there are 30 War-warrant Officers in the Navy.—Associated Press.

CANON'S DEATH

Blackburn, February 17.

Only a fortnight after his installation as Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, Canon Henry Broadbent, Rural Dean of Blackburn, died today at his home, aged 66. He had previously held up appointments at West Hartlepool, Nottingham, Bishop Auckland, Leeds and Wesham, Lancashire.—Reuter.

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S.S. "DAYDREAM"	due 18th Mar. from Amoy & Japan.
S.S. "DAYDREAM"	due 18th Mar. from Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.
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"TJITJALENGKA"	In port	to Javaports & Makassar 8th March.
"TJIBADAK"	from Makassar & Javaports 3rd March.	to Shanghai & Javaports 17th March.
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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"RUYS"	In port	to South Africa & South America 24th February 5 p.m.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South Africa & South America 6th March.	to South Africa & South America 23rd March.
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PAKISTAN

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12.10 p.m.	
HK AIRWAYS, ex-Canton	9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.; ex-Shanghai; 3 p.m.
PAA, ex-Manila	1 p.m.

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CNAC, for Amoy via Swatow	7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; Canton; 8.45 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.40 p.m., 2.45 p.m., 3.45 p.m.; Shanghai; 6 a.m., 12.45 p.m.
CATO, for Taipei via Swatow, Amoy	8 a.m.; Nanking via Canton; 6.30 a.m.; Amoy; 7 a.m.; Shanghai; 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS, for Canton	8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai; 10 a.m.
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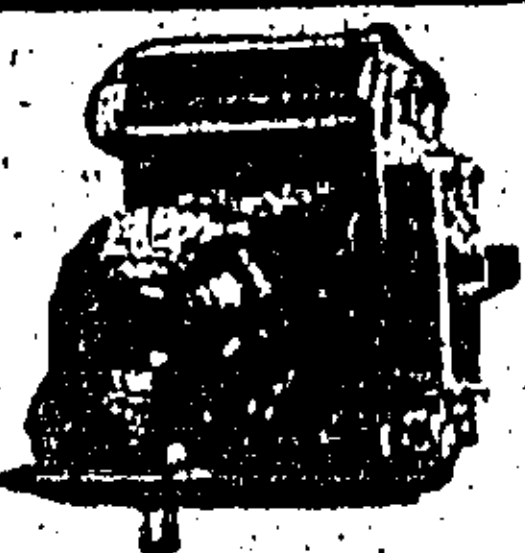
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(By "ROVER")

Scots Out To Beat England XI

Of the five First Division soccer matches which are down for decision over the week-end, only two are likely to produce any interesting football.

The first of these two matches will be played this afternoon, when Army entertain St. Joseph's at Sookunpoo.

The Scottish selectors are leaving nothing to chance in their determination to build up their finest soccer side for the match against England at Wembley on April 9.

Their team, meeting the Army at Tynecastle on February 20, are internationalists. This line-up may need a few amendments though the Anglo-Scottish left wing Steal, of Derby County, and Kelly, Barnsley, are likely starters at Wembley.

The Scots have a poor record since full international games were resumed after the war. Last season they lost to all the other three home countries and the year before they lost one game and drew two.

Now both they and England will go to Wembley with two wins to their credit.

A further victory for Scotland will give them the undisputed championship for the first time since 1936—they shared it with England and Wales in 1938.

Reuter.

Compensation For Ferguson

Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 17.

Charles Ferguson, former professional footballer of North Shields, was at Newcastle-on-Tyne county court today awarded £2 15s. 0d. weekly workman's compensation from May 9, 1948, from North Shields football club, of which he had been player-manager.

Ferguson, who played as forward for Aberdeen and Middlesbrough before going to North Shields in 1945, said in evidence that he had been a professional footballer since 1932, earning £7, 5, 0, a week.

During a match on January 4, 1947, he injured his right knee and had never played since. He received full wages up to May 8, 1948, but had since received no compensation.—Reuter.

TEERING-OFF TIMES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

OLD COURSE	NEW COURSE
0.00 F.G. Harrison—D.G. Harrison	0.00 R.L. Simand—R.P. Noble
0.10 A.E. Lissman—D.A.D. Davies	0.10 R.P. Noble—R.E. Wallen
0.20 G.H. Gauthier—P.F. Watkinson	0.20 R.W. Wallen—J.W. Alexander
0.30 F.K. Wallen—D.H. Robinson	0.30 W.M. Portridge—D.H. Blake
0.40 C.D. Culbertson—E.T. McMillen	0.40 C.P. Bawell—G.P. Ferguson
0.50 M.D. Cooper—L. Goldman	0.50 F.P. Booth—R.P. Morris
1.00 R.A. Crawford—P. de Handville	1.00 H.A. Ayres—F.W. Groves
1.10 W.M. Simand—J.M. Patterson	
1.20 J.C. Wilson—W.A. Stewart	
1.30 J.C. Wilson—J. Forbie	
1.40 E.N. Robertson—W.D. Davies	
1.50 K.E. Hudson—M. Pollock	
2.00 F.D. Hunt—J.P. Price	
2.10 E.J.L. Mitchell—F.A. Redmond	
2.20 E. Bathurst—O. Stewart	
2.30 N.H. Oliver—A.D. Duffy	
2.40 A.E. McElrath—L. Jackson	
2.50 W.G. Robertson—J.C. Pugh	

AMENDED KHALSA XI

The following is the amended line-up of the Khalsa Sports Club Hockey Team which will play against the Cable & Wireless Hockey XI on the "Y" Ground, King's Park, at 10 a.m. sharp tomorrow:—

Lall, Singh; A.P. Guest, Subedar Bhagat Singh; Balwant Singh; M. H. Hassan, Pritham Singh; G. W. P. Guest, B. Gossain, Mickey Ram, J. S. Dillon, and Lalchand.

Players unable to play should notify the Secretary, Telephone number 28339.

DIVORCE GRANTED TO MRS. LOUIS

Mexico City, February 17. Mrs. Mervia Trotter Louis returned to Mexico City with a Mexican divorce in the judicial district against her husband, Joe Louis, the world heavy-weight boxing champion.

The divorce was granted by mutual consent, with Louis receiving custody of the child, with \$100 weekly allowance for the child.

The divorce stipulates that the husband pay the wife \$100 weekly for the child.

Reuter.

The other match which is expected to provide a keen tussle is the meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy at Boundary Street tomorrow.

When they met earlier in the season, Army beat St. Joseph's by one goal to nil in a closely contested game. The soldiers were, however, surprisingly defeated by the Saints by four goals to three in their Shield encounter.

With this defeat still fresh in mind, the soldiers are not likely to take their opponents any too lightly this afternoon, but will go all out for a win. In the light of recent performances by these two teams, Army should notch both points.

May Gain A Point

At Boundary Street this afternoon, Police and Kwong Wah meet again. Although Police won by two goals to one last time, Kwong Wah stand a very good chance of gaining a point from today's game, particularly in view of the fact that the Police are now very weak in the forward line.

Tomorrow's game at Boundary Street between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy should provide the best football and will undoubtedly attract a large following. KMSB stand an easy victory over the sailors in the first round, winning by five goals to one.

Although the busmen are expected to win tomorrow, the margin of their victory is likely to be considerably narrowed down if the sailors are able to field their strongest side.

Chinese A.A. will travel to Sookunpoo for their match with R.A.F. and should repeat their previous success against the Airman, when they won by five goals to one.

The match between S. China "A" and S. China "B" at Caroline Hill is likely to be another farcical game, with the "B" team more or less giving away both points to the "A" team.

In passing, it might be mentioned that the manner in which games between these two S. China teams, both in the League and in the Shield, are being played is far from satisfactory.

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